



Speech by Prime Minister, Theresa May – Gibraltar National Day 2018

The 10th of September is a very special day for the people of Gibraltar. A day to take pride in the unique culture of the Rock. To look back upon its rich history and look ahead to its exciting future. And to celebrate not just its booming economy and rising living standards but also the vital place it continues to hold in the hearts of people across the United Kingdom.

For more than 300 years, the UK and Gibraltar have been proud to stand shoulder to shoulder. Today, as we mark Gibraltar National Day, I can assure you that this will not change as we leave the European Union. We joined the EU together. We are leaving together. And, as we step forward into the latest chapter of our shared history, we will – once again – do so together.

The Government of Gibraltar is fully involved in the Brexit negotiations, and nothing will ever weaken our commitment to the people who call the Rock their home. As long as the people of Gibraltar want to remain British, British is what the people of Gibraltar will remain. And there should be no doubt whatsoever about our commitment to the double lock – a commitment as solid as the Rock of Ages itself.

Gibraltar is a vital part of the UK's past, present and future. And I'm immensely proud to help you celebrate it today.

Happy Gibraltar National Day to all.