



# HM Government of Gibraltar

THE CHIEF MINISTER

## A congratulatory message from Gibraltar

On behalf of Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar and the members of the Gibraltar Parliament it gives me great pleasure to salute the people of the Cayman Islands, the Members of your distinguished Parliament, the Government of the Cayman Islands and, not least, our good friend and colleague the Premier the Hon Alden McLaughlin.

Our heartfelt congratulations on your achievement of Constitutional Reform.

Our rights to self-determination and to modern democratic self-government are precious and come with both responsibility and benefit.

A Constitution must reflect those modern rights of people and protect them, our economies and our chosen way of life.

Looked at from a distance, sometimes political history often seems to move slowly, simmering along until things come to a head provoked, sometimes by the impact of new technologies, or by the unwelcome action of powerful countries, and the force of nature.

Gibraltar, Cayman and our fellow British Overseas Territories have been working hard together to protect our people in the face of major challenges this year such as Brexit and COVID-19.

Our relationships with the United Kingdom must always be governed by mutual respect and shared values and those are not just words. Through the bonds that we have forged between us all, the territories constitute a great asset for British interests, and therefore our own interests.

On this deserved red-letter day, Gibraltar sends its best wishes to the beautiful Cayman Islands and the magnificent people of the Cayman Islands.

**Fabian Picardo QC MP**  
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