HM Government of Gibraltar

THE CHIEF MINISTER

The Hon Judge Ramagge Phillips GMH MP
Speaker
The Gibraltar Parliament
156 Main Street
Gibraltar

15th November 2026

Dear Madam Speaker

Freedom of the City : Michael Llamas CMG KC

I give notice that I intend to move the following motion at the next meeting of the Parliament, on which I have this morning consulted the Leader of the Opposition, who I am copying into this letter:

"THIS HOUSE:

RECOGNISES the exceptional and sustained service rendered to Gibraltar and its people by Michael Llamas CMG KC over more than three decades in the law, first as a practitioner of European Union law in Paris and Brussels, then from 2007 as the Government's Chief Legal Adviser on European Union and international law matters, and since May 2015 as His Majesty's Attorney General for Gibraltar, the first Gibraltarian to hold that office;

NOTES that throughout that time he has advised successive administrations of His Majesty's Governments of Gibraltar, of different political parties, on the legal questions of greatest importance to our constitutional status and to our rights as a people, and that he has done so with an independence, integrity and dedication that command respect across the floor of this House;

FURTHER NOTES his central role in landmark legal battles that have put Gibraltar on the international map, including the litigation that secured the right of Gibraltarians to vote in elections to the European Parliament, and the long legal campaign that resulted in the admission of the Gibraltar Football Association to membership of UEFA and subsequently of FIFA;

RECALLS that, alongside the Chief Minister and the Deputy Chief Minister, he led Gibraltar technical negotiation team from June 2016 onwards, through the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union, the Framework Agreement of 31 December 2020, the Political Agreement reached in Brussels on 11 June 2025 and the conclusion of the Treaty between the United Kingdom and the European Union in respect of Gibraltar, and that throughout those negotiations he defended Gibraltar's sovereignty, jurisdiction and control without fail;

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WELCOMES the recognition already given to his work through his appointment as Queen's Counsel in 2013 and as a Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George in 2020 for services to Gibraltar, and by the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, which elected him a Master of the Bench in 2025;

CONSIDERS that the people of Gibraltar owe Michael Llamas CMG KC a profound debt of gratitude, and that this should be marked by the highest honour that this Parliament can bestow in their name;

AND HEREBY DECLARES that the Freedom of the City of Gibraltar be conferred on Michael Llamas CMG KC."

With very best wishes, as ever,



Fabian Picardo KC MP

Chief Minister

cc: The Hon Keith Azopardi KC MP, Leader of the Opposition

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