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### **Chief Minister meets Foreign Secretary**

The Chief Minister Fabian Picardo and the Deputy Chief Minister Dr Joseph Garcia this afternoon met the Foreign Secretary Liz Truss together with UK Minister for Europe James Cleverly.

Mr Picardo and the Foreign Secretary discussed the latest developments in relation to the ongoing negotiations on the future relationship of Gibraltar with the European Union.

In addition to this, the ability of UK nationals who hold blue civilian registration cards to cross the border was also raised.

It was agreed that the objective of the two Governments is to convene a formal meeting of the Joint Ministerial Council in the coming weeks.

The Chief Minister and the Foreign Secretary last met in March.

The Chief Minister, the Hon Fabian Picardo, said: "It was as much a pleasure as it was useful to see Foreign Secretary Liz Truss and Minister for Europe James Cleverly with the Deputy Chief Minister, Joseph Garcia. We all continue to be strongly optimistic that we will be able to conclude a safe and secure agreement between the UK and the EU in relation to Gibraltar for the benefit of all parties, in particular the people of Gibraltar and of the region. The positive tenor of the current round of the negotiations this week confirms my own view in this respect."

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