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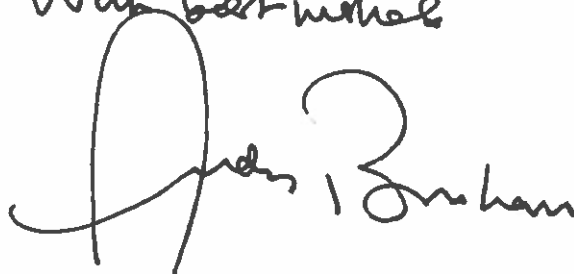
THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear Fabian

I am delighted to send my best wishes to you and to all Gibraltarians as you celebrate National Day. This year's National Day comes at a moment of profound significance for Gibraltar. You are entering a new chapter in your history following the signing and provisional application of the Treaty between the United Kingdom and the European Union. The successful conclusion of this agreement marks the culmination of many years of determined effort and opens the way to greater certainty and opportunity for Gibraltar's people and businesses.

While much is changing, one thing remains constant: Gibraltar's place as a cherished part of the British family. That, of course, is what 10 September is all about. Gibraltarians have consistently demonstrated their pride in being British, and the Government remains unwavering in its commitment to Gibraltar, to British sovereignty and to the principle of self-determination. As ever, our approach is guided by the principle that there should be "nothing about Gibraltar without Gibraltar", while recognising the United Kingdom's constitutional responsibilities.

I would also like to thank you personally for your service as Chief Minister over the past 15 years. Your leadership throughout the Treaty negotiations has been instrumental in securing this successful outcome, and I commend you for your unstinting efforts. I have every confidence that the years ahead will bring further success, prosperity and opportunity for Gibraltar and its people. I wish you and all the people of Gibraltar a very happy National Day.

With best wishes


THE RT HON ANDY BURNHAM MP

The Honourable Fabian Picardo KC MP