

STATEMENT BY THE GSLP/LIBERAL OPPOSITION 110/2006
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The Opposition understands that there is a considerable amount of confusion in Gibraltar regarding the implications of the contents of the agreements reached yesterday in Cordoba.

It is important to recall that the Opposition has had no prior indication or any information as to the details that these agreements would contain, except for the comments made by Spanish politicians, the Spanish negotiator Mr Pons or the speculation that has appeared in the Spanish press.

This is what we have reacted to over the last fifteen months.

Therefore while the Government has been negotiating the deal for fifteen months, the Opposition has only obtained the final text of the agreements from the media and the internet yesterday, like everyone else.

As responsible representatives of the people of Gibraltar, the duty of the Opposition is to study the text and the implications of the agreements and then come to our own independent view on the subject.

The Opposition also wants to listen to the explanation that the Government will be giving over the next few days and to evaluate this explanation before we arrive at our final analysis.

Once this process is complete, we will then be in a position to make a reasoned and responsible public statement setting out the views of the Opposition on each of the areas where agreement has been reached.

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