

**STATEMENT BY THE GSLP/LIBERAL OPPOSITION 152/2006**  
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The latest statement from the “yes” camp is that Spain does not want us to say “yes” on Thursday to the new constitutional text.

There can be no basis in fact for such a statement, unless its author has a hotline to Mr Moratinos in Madrid.

The facts point in the opposite direction. As everyone involved in the negotiations well knows, Spain welcomed the outcome of the negotiations and the text of the proposed constitution on 17 March even before these documents were in the public domain.

This welcome by the Spanish Government was ten days earlier than the welcome by the Foreign Office and the Gibraltar Government on 27 March, and seven months before the House of Assembly, elected by the people whose constitution it is supposed to be, welcomed it this month.

By virtue of this chronology, the Spanish Government should be the strongest supporter of the “yes” vote given that they were first off the mark in giving it a warm welcome.

Of course, if the “yes” camp are now saying what they have on the basis that what Spain wants must be bad for us and that we should do the opposite, then this is something else to think about before people cast their vote.

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