

# **STATEMENT BY THE GSLP/LIBERAL OPPOSITION**

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The Leader of the Opposition Joe Bossano left Gibraltar this weekend to participate in the United Nations seminar on decolonisation which is being held in New Caledonia.

The seminar takes place from 18-20<sup>th</sup> May in Noumea. This follows the practice of alternating the seminar between the Pacific and the Carribean where the bulk of the non-self governing territories on the UN list are located.

Mr Bossano's participation in this event is a reflection of the policy of the Opposition to continue to engage the UN Committee of 24 on the question of Gibraltar's decolonisation.

A number of experts, non-Governmental organisations members of the Special Committee and others will be attending the seminar. This will include the Committee's Chairman Donatus Keith St Aimee from St Lucia, as well as the representatives of Cuba, Sierra Leone and Syria from the Bureau. Russia will represent Eastern Europe and there would also be separate representation from Africa, Asia, and the Latin Amercian and Caribbean groups. A representative of the Government of the Falkland Islands will also be attending for the first time.

Mr Bossano returns to Gibraltar on 23rd May and during his absence Dr Joseph Garcia will act as Leader of the Opposition.