

STATEMENT BY THE GSLP/LIBERAL OPPOSITION

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The Leader of the Opposition Joe Bossano left Gibraltar yesterday in order to address the United Nations Committee of 24 in New York. Mr Bossano, who is accompanied by Opposition Member Fabian Picardo, will deliver his address today, Tuesday.

The Committee of 24 address this year will build on what transpired at the recent New Caledonia Seminar and expand on some of the arguments put there, by relating Gibraltar's case to the relevant UN Resolution which Spain accepts applied to us.

It will show how Spain is in fact misrepresenting the meaning of the relevant Resolutions and seeking to frustrate their correct application to Gibraltar.

There will also be an exposure of the recent incursions into Gibraltar's territorial waters and the challenge to the airspace since last year's Committee of 24's presentation showing how Spain preaches one thing and practices another.

The presentation will reaffirm the commitment of the Opposition to work closely with the UN to ensure the correct application of the UN criteria which is identical for all the territories on the UN list including Gibraltar and determines the process and procedures to be followed for the achievement of a full measure of self government and decolonisation which would end the requirement for UK to report on Gibraltar to the UN and lead to its delisting.

Mr Bossano returns to Gibraltar tomorrow Wednesday and during his absence Dr Joseph Garcia has acted as Leader of the Opposition.