

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM, IN RESPECT OF GIBRALTAR, AND SPAIN ON ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in respect of Gibraltar (the "United Kingdom in respect of Gibraltar"), and the Kingdom of Spain ("Spain"), together "the Participants" and in singular "the Participant",

NOTING that "Agreement" refers to the Agreement in respect of Gibraltar between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part, as published in the OJ EU L..., 14.07.2026 (not yet published);

NOTING that the present administrative arrangement (the "Arrangement"), or any activity or measure taken in application or as a result thereof, does not imply any modification of the respective legal positions of the Kingdom of Spain and of the United Kingdom with regard to sovereignty and jurisdiction in relation to Gibraltar; and

NOTING, additionally, that this Arrangement or arrangements related to this Arrangement, and any measures or instruments or conduct taken in application or as a result thereof or pursuant thereto, is without prejudice to, and will not otherwise affect the respective legal positions of the Kingdom of Spain or of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland with regard to sovereignty and jurisdiction and will not constitute the basis for any assertion or denial of sovereignty including in legal proceedings or otherwise.

RECOGNISING the importance of maintaining European Union levels of environmental protection in accordance with the Agreement which contributes to sustainable economic and social development, and continuing good environmental practice, in both Gibraltar and the surrounding area, in particular the territory of the municipalities that make up the Mancomunidad de Municipios del Campo de Gibraltar;

MINDFUL of the importance of the protection and improvement of the environment for the wellbeing of present and future generations; and

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RECOGNISING that environmental pollution can have a transboundary nature and that the fight against pollution is only effective in the framework of close international cooperation;

HAVE DECIDED as follows:

1. In order to deliver enhanced cooperation on environmental protection, a Technical Committee (the "Committee") will be established for the exchange of information and as a forum for dialogue between the competent authorities in relation to matters covered by the Agreement and the multilateral environmental agreements referenced therein, as well as other environmental matters that are considered of interest. The objective of the Committee is to achieve a better understanding of environmental practices in Gibraltar and the surrounding area and create greater synergies which are conducive to improved cooperation.
2. The Committee will discuss environmental matters listed in Article 218(1) of the Agreement, as well as environmental matters arising under the multilateral environmental agreements referenced in the Agreement, or any other environmental matters that are considered of interest.
3. The Committee will be convened after the entry into effect of this Arrangement. The ordinary sessions of the Committee will take place once a year, alternately in Gibraltar and Spain. Extraordinary sessions will be held in Gibraltar, if convened by the United Kingdom in respect of Gibraltar, or in Spain, if convened by Spain. A coordinating chair of the Committee will be established and will rotate between the competent authorities on an annual basis. In addition to any other representatives which the competent authorities may choose to represent them in the Committee including, in respect of Spain, regional and local governments who have competence on the matter, representatives of the central governments of Spain and the United Kingdom, will participate in all meetings of the Committee. The working methods of the Committee will be agreed upon in rules which will be approved by the competent authorities of the Participants.
4. In relation to the protection of the marine environment and marine species, the competent authorities will:



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- a. promote prevention actions based on the precautionary approach and discuss possible coordination of their activities relating to the control and eradication of invasive exotic species and exchange the corresponding scientific data;
- b. in relation to scientific research vessels which intend to carry out activities in this area, inform the Committee, with reasonable notice before the beginning of their activities, of their route, the duration of their activities, their objectives and any other matter which the Committee may consider relevant;
- c. exchange information about fishing activities, their management, including bycatch of marine protected species, and the fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing; and
- d. exchange information on ship refuelling activities, with the aim of promoting the highest environmental protection standards in accordance with applicable EU standards and environmental legislation.

5. In relation to waste, the competent authorities will:

- a. exchange information on their respective legal frameworks on waste management, as well as on the effective compliance with those legal frameworks;
- b. exchange information on waste prevention and management, in particular municipal, construction, demolition, and sanitary waste;
- c. exchange information on the treatment of urban and industrial wastewater;
- d. establish fluid relations in order to better enforce respective legal frameworks on operations related to the cross-border transfer of waste, which in any case must comply with the regulations of the receiving Participant;
- e. exchange information and establish fluid relationships regarding extended producer responsibility and how their respective legal frameworks on this are complied with;


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- f. exchange information, establish fluid relations and use best endeavours to resolve any operational issues with application permits for cross-border waste shipments;
 - g. exchange information and experiences in relation to clean or less polluting technologies in order to minimise waste production and achieve better waste management.
- 6. In relation to air quality, the competent authorities will facilitate the exchange of data and information related to emissions and air quality that allow for the assessment of necessary measures to be taken where appropriate, in particular with respect to emissions from industrial plants and activity in the area.
- 7. In relation to environmental impact assessments in a transboundary context, the competent authorities will use the forum offered by the Committee to facilitate discussion on their obligations, including with regards to landfilling, waste water and air pollution, arising under the Agreement and the multilateral environmental agreements referenced therein, including the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, signed at Espoo on 25 February 1991 (the "Convention"). The Committee will promote compliance with these obligations.
- 8. If a proposed activity in the territory of one Participant, including in relation to landfilling, waste water or air pollution, is likely to cause a significant adverse transboundary impact on the environment of the other Participant, the Participant of origin will, in order to allow the other Participant to indicate whether it intends to participate in the environmental impact procedure and for the purposes of ensuring adequate and effective consultations under Article 5 of the Convention, notify the affected Participant as early as possible and no later than when informing its own public about the proposed activity. As required by Article 3(2)(c) of the Convention, the notification will contain an indication of a reasonable time within which a response under Article 3(3) is required, taking into account the nature of the proposed activity. The time within which a response is required will not be less than 30 days.

9. When a Participant considers that it would be affected by a significant adverse transboundary impact of a proposed activity, and when no notification has taken place in accordance with Article 3(1) of the Convention, the other Participant will, at the request of the affected Participant, exchange information in accordance with Article 3(7) of the Convention. This is also applicable to projects that are being developed at the time of the signature of this Arrangement, and more specifically, to land filling activities, wastewater, and air pollution.
10. The Participants may inform the Specialised Committee on Economy and Trade established under the Agreement of any differences which arise between them in relation to the discharge of obligations applying under the Agreement which are not resolved through consultation in the Committee. This paragraph applies without prejudice to any provisions in the Agreement relating to the settlement of disputes.

FINAL PROVISIONS

11. This Arrangement may be modified, at any time, by mutual agreement of the Participants expressly in writing.
12. This Arrangement will come into effect on the date of last signature and into operation from the date of entry into force of the Agreement.
13. Either Participant may terminate this Arrangement by written notification through diplomatic channels. This Arrangement will cease to be in effect on the first day of the twelfth month following the date of notification. Should the Agreement be terminated, this arrangement will cease to be in force.

The foregoing record represents the understandings reached between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in respect of Gibraltar, and the Kingdom of Spain, upon the matters referred to therein.



Signed at Madrid on 25th June 2026.

For the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in respect of Gibraltar:

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Sir Alex Ellis, Ambassador to Spain and Andorra

For the Kingdom of Spain:

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Carlos Moreno Blanco, Secretary General for the European Union