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Next Tuesday, at 9:30 in 2255 Rayburn House Office Building, the Deputy Head of Mission to the United States from the British Embassy, James Roscoe, MVO and the Deputy Chief Minister of Gibraltar, Hon. Dr. Joseph Garcia, CMG, MP, will holding a briefing on “The Strategic Importance of the U.S. Relationship with the UK Overseas Territory of Gibraltar.”

You or someone from your office are welcome to attend.

Please RSVP to Mitchell.monreal@fcdo.gov.uk.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A BRIEFING WITH:



James Roscoe, MVO, Deputy
Head of Mission to the United
States from the British Embassy



Hon. Dr. Joseph Garcia, CMG, MP,
Deputy Chief Minister
of Gibraltar

***The Strategic Importance of the U.S. Relationship
with the UK Overseas Territory of Gibraltar.***

The British Overseas Territory of Gibraltar is strategically situated at the western entrance to the Mediterranean Sea guarding the entrance to the Atlantic where the strait between Europe and Africa spans just 7.7 nautical miles.

From the first overseas military intervention by the U.S. in 1801 against the Barbary States of Northern Africa to the present day, the U.S. continues to rely on Gibraltar's strategic location. During World War II, Gibraltar served as a critical base of operation for General Dwight Eisenhower. More recently, the U.S. has used Gibraltar's military facilities to assist in operations in Libya (2011) and Syria (2018) and to support maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts with allies in the region.

Since the Treaty of Utrecht in 1713, Gibraltar has been under British control and its 30,000 citizens consider themselves to be British. In 1967 and 2002, over 98 percent of the citizens of Gibraltar voted in favor of remaining an overseas territory of the United Kingdom. Gibraltar is self-governing and economically self-supporting while maintaining the British monarch as its head of state. Gibraltar embraces the same freedoms that we in the U.S. hold dearly – democratic values, human rights and the rule of law.

Come hear of the historical significance of the relationship between the U.S. and Gibraltar and present day importance of Gibraltar to U.S. national security.

This briefing is being held in collaboration with Reps. Don Bacon (NE-2) and Gerry Connolly (VA-11).



**Tuesday, May 14
9:30 am to 11:00 am
2255 Rayburn House Office Building**



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