

Question for written answer E-001819/2026
to the Commission
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Subject: EU-UK agreement on Gibraltar and safeguards for Spanish sovereignty

On 11 June 2025, the EU and the United Kingdom announced a political agreement on Gibraltar. The draft treaty was published only months later and establishes a specific framework for the movement of persons and goods, which includes provisions removing controls at the land border and stipulating that Schengen checks are to be carried out at Gibraltar's port and airport. At the same time, the agreement leaves unchanged the legal positions of Spain and the United Kingdom on sovereignty and jurisdiction, while preserving specific arrangements for British military facilities and personnel.

Given that Gibraltar remains outside the EU and Schengen, but would have a stable and exceptional connection to the Schengen area and the European market:

1. How will the Commission ensure that this arrangement does not amount to the long-term normalisation of Gibraltar's exceptional economic, fiscal and logistical position, without progress on sovereignty?
2. What concrete guarantees will Spain retain regarding border, customs, fiscal and security control?
3. How does the Commission justify special treatment for British military facilities and personnel within a framework designed to facilitate civilian and economic integration?

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