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on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The EU-UK Agreement in respect of Gibraltar states that it shall be without prejudice to the legal positions of Spain and the UK with regard to sovereignty and jurisdiction and shall not constitute the basis for any assertion or denial of sovereignty including in legal proceedings or otherwise.

2. The Agreement includes strong safeguard measures preserving the integrity of the EU's Single Market, the Customs Union and the EU's financial interests as well as the security of the Schengen area.

In relation to the movement of persons, Spain will perform full Schengen checks at Gibraltar airport and port, and will be responsible for border surveillance, including in adjacent waters, in line with relevant EU rules.

In relation to the movement of goods, the Agreement provides for customs checks and controls to be carried out by Spanish authorities or jointly by the authorities of Spain and the authorities of the UK, in respect of Gibraltar, and for strong cooperation on tax and customs matters, anti-fraud and tobacco provisions with the authorities of the UK, in respect of Gibraltar.

3. In order to ensure the continuation of the proper functioning of the military base in Gibraltar, the Agreement includes rules for the entry and exit of goods as well as for the entry and exit of military personnel, the civilian component and their family members going to the military base.