

nothing to have stopped either the Spanish Government or the Partido Popular from submitting evidence had they so chosen.

FAC'S INTENTION

The Committee has tried to make a positive contribution to developments in the area which will be of benefit to those living on both sides of the border. We set out our stall. Clearly there are matters happening in the European Commission. The Gibraltar Government has effectively complied with all EU directives with the exception of company directives 4 and 7. There have been problems but the matter is very much in Gibraltar's favour. All that is needed is for the Gibraltar Government to implement these two directives and then the British Government can say that the Gibraltar Government has complied with all directives and ask the question has the Spanish Government an equally good record in implementing EU directives. Gibraltar must not forget that it is not able to pick and choose from the EU menu. Before the finger can be pointed effectively at anyone else Gibraltar has to be seen to be fully compliant.

INTEGRATION

It is obvious that it takes two to integrate. It would be helpful for the Committee to know what the consensus about integration is on the Rock. Integration is a wonderful portmanteau word. I suspect that it enables people with totally varying views to stand behind the integration banner. As soon as members of

Parliament are told what the majority of Gibraltarians mean by integration then we will be able usefully to comment on it.

Surely it makes sense to ask the Gibraltarians to clarify these aspirations? It is of no great help for Gibraltarians to rally behind a flag of generalisation. I consider the ball to be four square in the court of the Gibraltarians.

RETAIN STATUS QUO

There is no doubt that to retain the status quo is an option. The British Government does not agree with the United Nations view of what is meant by a colonial status but retention of the status quo must be an option.

THE FUTURE

The report speaks for itself in terms of the Committee's acceptance of HMG's obligations to the Gibraltarians. But we also hope that it points the way forward constructively for a more sensible and co-operative relationship with Spain. We have shown some ways in which this might be done to mutual advantage. We now know that there are Spaniards, in particular in Andalucia, who wish to build bridges of greater co-operation and we hope that there will be a positive response from the Gibraltarians. We believe that such co-operation will be to the

advantage of the Gibraltarians in the fields of tourism, commercial activity and also to counterbalance the feeling of claustrophobia which can exist on the Rock. I understand that serious efforts are being made to bring together chambers of commerce, trades unions, municipal authorities and other similar organisations in Andalucia and in Gibraltar. It was the unanimous view of the Committee, as friendly outsiders, that this can only be a good thing."

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