

What we need is a mature debate in which we can try and resolve the problem in an amicable way, conducted between neighbours and friends. I realise that the Gibraltarians have many fears about the current talks. I also think that Peter Caruana should fill the empty seat knowing that any Agreement can be rejected by the people of Gibraltar.

There are politicians, such as myself, who think that joint sovereignty may be the solution to the Gibraltar problem. However this is not a starter until the Spanish Government renounces its claim for an eventual retrocession of sovereignty."

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