

short. It will be helpful to know of the Gibraltarians' views on Robin Cook's answers and such memoranda should be sent to the FAC committee.

THE FUTURE

I think that the issues surrounding the Gibraltar problem are not going to go away. It should be a significant objective of British foreign policy to secure a satisfactory arrangement with the Spanish Government. I wish to see activity on behalf of HMG and I am looking forward with great interest to read the Secretary of State's response.

The Gibraltar Government has its part to play as well. This must be by continuing to seek ways to achieve a dialogue with Spain in particular at local and regional level."

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