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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT
ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

Fifth periodic reports submitted by States parties under
articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

Addendum
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND
OVERSEAS TERRITORIES

[7 August 2007]

1 The Pitcairn Islands did not have significant developments to highlight in respect of the
previous report and no update was received from Montserrat. An overview of the
developments in the British Overseas Territories is provided in the fifth periodic report of
the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on its implementation of the
Covenant (E/C.12/GBR/5, paras. 24-33).

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627. Increased awareness of natural heritage is evident not just from the media, but from
the Government’s increased impetus in environmental matters, through the development
of its own Environment Ministry, supported by the development of a scientific/technical
base both at the Botanic Gardens and at the Museum, and a number of its other activities
such as the World Environment Day activities and by means of the Government’s
Environment Charter.

628. A specific example of the use of scientific progress to benefit people, is the pollution
monitoring equipment that is up and running. The setting up of the Climate Change
forum is another way of responding practically to an increase in scientific knowledge.

629. Government encourages practical conservation by the way of such contracts as the
management of the Botanic Gardens, the Macaque Management and support for the
Biodiversity Project. Regarding freedom for scientific research, the Gibraltar
Ornithological and Natural Heritage Society (GONHS) carry out a great deal of research,
as do the Botanic Gardens and the Museum, and this is encouraged and supported by the Government of Gibraltar.

630. In relation to the promotion of international cooperation, we would highlight the following:

- The signing of the Macaque Research Project with the University of Vienna;
- The Government’s EU Unit supporting GIBMANATUR, the INTERREG IIIA collaborative project with Rabat University, the encouragement of GONHS collaboration with entities like the German Primate Centre, Notre Dame University in Indiana and the Botanic Gardens cooperation with botanic gardens worldwide through Botanic Gardens Conservation International.

631. Environmental legislation in Gibraltar is stated below: (Note: PHA stands for Public Health Act.)

**Air**


**Waste**


EC Regulation 259/93 on the supervision and control of shipments of waste within, into and out of the European Community - PHA Part IIB (Trans frontier Shipment of Waste).


Incineration of hazardous waste (94/67/EC) - PHA Part VA (Waste).


**Biodiversity/wildlife/nature conservation**


Keeping of Wild Animals in Zoos (99/22/EC) - Keeping of Wild Animals Act.

**Emissions reductions/trading**


**Noise**


**Access to information/data protection/public participation**


Public Participation on decision-making - 2003/35/EC - Public Health Amendment No. 2 Act.

**Fuel/energy**


Directive 2001/77/EC on the Promotion of electricity from renewable energy sources in the internal market - to be transposed.

**Hazards/dangerous substances/radiation**

Control of major accident hazards (96/82/EC) (2003/105/EC) - PHA Part IIA (Control of Major Accident Hazard).

Control of Asbestos at Work Directive 98/24/EEC - to be transposed.

96/29/Euratom Radiation (Emergency Preparedness & Public Information) Regulations 2004 - Control of high activity sealed radioactive sources and orphan

**Pollution**
Large Combustion Plants (88/609/EC) - Large Combustion Plants Act.


**Environmental assessment/management**

Strategic Environmental Assessment - Environment act 2005.


**Industry**

Large Combustion Plants (88/609/EC) - Large Combustion Plants Act.


**Emissions/discharges**

Limitation of Emissions of VOCs due to use or organic solvents in certain paints and varnishes and vehicle refinishing products (2004/42) - Solvent Emissions Act 2005.


Limit values and quality objectives for discharges of hexachlorocyclohexane (84/491/EEC) PHA (Pollution of the Aquatic Environment) Regulations and Rules 1996.

**Genetically modified organisms**


**Liability**

(204/35/EC) on Environmental Liability with regard to the prevention and remedying of environmental damage - to be transposed.

**Shipping/marine**


There have been few legislative measures, which deal specifically with cultural and scientific life. One of the few has been the Copyright Act 2005 which introduced a new copyright law for Gibraltar setting out the rights of copyright owners, including moral rights and also setting out what acts are permitted and restricted in relation to work under copyright as well as providing for remedies for infringements of the rights.