GIBRALTAR PUSHES FOR AIRPORT TO BE UNDER EU AVIATION LAWS

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Gibraltar's authorities have joined air-travel industry leaders in calling for the small British territory on Spain's southwestern tip to be included in the European Union's laws governing European aviation.

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Joseph Garcia, Gibraltar's Civil Aviation Minister, says Saturday that Gibraltar is legally entitled to inclusion "by virtue of our terms of membership of the European Union."

Gibraltar's government maintains that its runway is within the 28-nation EU because it is "a British airport on British territory."

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Industry leaders have met in Brussels to try and unblock progress toward continentwide adherence to the bloc's Single European Sky legislation. Spain agreed to Gibraltar's inclusion in 2006 but then reneged on this commitment in 2011.

Spain ceded sovereignty over Gibraltar to Britain in 1713, but has since persistently sought the territory's return.

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