

# Gibraltar told to accept 'uncomfortable' life outside of EU as Brexit row explodes

**The territory's Chief Minister is not optimistic about Gibraltar's future if the EU and UK fail to reach an agreement.**

The Chief Minister of Gibraltar has said the territory will have an "uncomfortable" experience if the UK and, EU and Spain cannot finally agree on a post-Brexit arrangement. Fabian Picardo warned Gibraltarians that a transition phase may be necessary, which could mean some difficulties for the Rock.

In his New Year's speech, he said: "The agreement may be uncomfortable at first in some areas.

"Like joining the European Union, I may have been initially uncomfortable in 1972. But a 'no deal' would also be very uncomfortable."

Mr Picardo added that he and his colleagues are working "day and night" to reach a deal, but warned it will not be an easy dispute to resolve.

He continued: "What we are negotiating is hugely complex... From product labelling to the taxation of goods, the final treaty is likely to be hundreds of pages long.

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