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1. THE MADRID DAILY DIARIO 16 REPORTS TODAY, QUOTING SOURCES IN GIBRALTAR, THAT THE BORDER MIGHT OPEN FOR PEDESTRIANS ON 15 DECEMBER. IT QUOTES SIR JOSHUA HASSAN AS SAYING THAT THERE IS NOW A CLIMATE OF HOPE IN GIBRALTAR "BECAUSE THE SOCIALIST PARTY HAS BEEN THE ONLY ONE TO HAVE A CLEAR POSITION ON THE OPENING OF THE FRONTIER. THERE IS AN ATMOSPHERE OF CALM HOPE BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THE PSOE WILL FULFIL ITS PROMISES." HE ADDED THAT HE HOPED THAT THE OPENING WOULD NOT IMPLY ANY DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF BOTH SIDES. THE ARTICLE STATES THAT THERE IS NO CONFIRMATION ON EITHER SIDE OF THE BORDER OF THE DATE MENTIONED, BUT BOTH SIDES EXPECT AN OPENING BEFORE CHRISTMAS FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS.

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