

# Foreign Secretary meeting with Foreign Minister Chung Eui-yong of the Republic of Korea, 6 May

Press release

Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab met Foreign Minister Chung Eui-yong of the Republic of Korea following the G7 Foreign and Development Ministerial meeting.



A Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office spokesperson said:

Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab met Foreign Minister Chung Eui-yong of the Republic of Korea today for the sixth UK-ROK Strategic Dialogue, following the G7 Foreign and Development Ministerial meeting.

The UK and the Republic of Korea agreed a renewed ambition to tackle climate change. They also discussed trade, equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines, global challenges and the UK-ROK defence partnership.

The Foreign Ministers agreed to strengthen UK-ROK cooperation ahead of COP26. They agreed that the upcoming Partnering for Green Growth and the Global Goals 2030 Summit was a milestone to galvanise international action on climate ahead of COP26. The Foreign Secretary welcomed Republic of Korea's announcement at the Earth Day Summit 22 April to end international coal financing.

Both countries committed to continue working closely together as a force for good to address shared global challenges. They agreed on the importance of ensuring equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines and committed to cooperate closely through COVAX. The Foreign Ministers also agreed on the need to work together more closely in opposition to the coup in Myanmar and to stand up for the Myanmar

people against the military regime.

On trade, the Foreign Secretary emphasised the UK's ambition to deepen the trading relationship with the Republic of Korea, through the expansion of the UK-ROK continuity Free Trade Agreement signed in August 2019.

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