## Foreign Secretary meets China State Councillor in Beijing

Following the meeting Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said:

I was very pleased to meet State Councillor Wang Yi in Bangkok today in the margins of the ASEAN foreign ministers meeting.

The UK and China have an important and constructive partnership, which we want to build on. We have a strong economic relationship. We work together as permanent members of the UN Security Council, and today discussed shared areas of concern such as the Iran nuclear deal and North Korea's recent missile launches.

Equally, we are clear and candid when we disagree. On Hong Kong, I underlined that the UK and China have a joint and legal commitment to the freedoms enshrined in the Joint Declaration, and that while we deplore any violence, peaceful protest is a basic right and should be respected.

Further information