

# Foreign Secretary's meeting with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken

News story

A readout of the Foreign Secretary Liz Truss' meeting with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken on 10 December 2021.



A spokesperson from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office said:

Foreign Secretary Liz Truss met US Secretary of State Antony Blinken ahead of the G7 Foreign And Development Ministers' Meeting in Liverpool.

Both agreed their support for Ukraine and expressed deep concern about the build-up of Russian troops on Ukraine's border. In addition they said that any incursion by Russia would be a strategic mistake for which there would be serious consequences.

The Foreign Secretary and Secretary Blinken both agreed on the importance of defending and promoting freedom and democracy and the need for a unity of purpose from the G7 to achieve this.

In discussions over 'Build Back Better World' the Foreign Secretary welcomed this initiative and stressed how the UK's new British International Investment will provide reliable and honest tech and infrastructure finance to lower and middle-income countries.

The need for Iran to meaningfully engage on a nuclear deal was stressed.

Both also agreed to further cooperation in areas like tech and security with each other and with like-minded partners.

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