

Iran: UK to meet European partners

The Foreign Secretary, Dominic Raab, will meet European partners today (Friday 30 August) to discuss how to preserve the Iran nuclear deal and protect international shipping in the Strait of Hormuz.

He will be joined for the meeting by French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian, German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas, and Federica Mogherini, the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security.

The meeting will be held in Helsinki, where European Foreign Ministers are currently attending the Gymnich – two days of talks on shared foreign policy challenges.

The Foreign Secretary will reiterate the UK's commitment to preserving the Iran nuclear deal (JCPOA) as the best way of preventing a nuclear-armed Iran.

Speaking ahead of the meeting, Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said:

Our discussions will build on the momentum of the positive G7 talks on Iran as we seek to deescalate tensions.

The nuclear deal is the only deal on the table that prevents Iran from getting a nuclear weapon and we will continue working together to encourage Iran to uphold the agreement in full.

We also need the broadest international support possible to tackle the threats to international shipping in the Strait of Hormuz.

While the meeting will focus on Iran, the Foreign Secretary will also raise the UK's concerns about the situation in Hong Kong.

The UK continues to believe that the way forward is through a peaceful and constructive dialogue which respects Hong Kong's high degree of autonomy.

Further information