Minister for Europe's meeting with Azerbaijani Ambassador, 15 August 2022: statement

News story

The UK Minister for Europe, Graham Stuart met the Azerbaijani Ambassador, Elin Suleymanov, to discuss a security incident at the Azerbaijani Embassy in London.

Following a meeting with Azerbaijani Ambassador to the UK Elin Suleymanov, the Minister for Europe, Graham Stuart said:

> Today I spoke to Azerbaijani Ambassador Elin Suleymanov following a serious security incident at the Azerbaijani Embassy in London on 4 August. I emphasised the importance that the UK government attaches to the security of all diplomatic missions in the UK, and expressed my deep regret that the event took place.
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> The UK has a longstanding tradition of support for the right to freedom of expression, but this must be exercised through peaceful and lawful demonstration.

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