## <u>Minister Ford's virtual meeting with</u> <u>Guatemalan Foreign Minister Bucaro</u>

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UK Minister for Latin America, Vicky Ford, met virtually today with Guatemalan Foreign Minister, Mario Bucaro.



The Ministers reaffirmed the United Kingdom and Guatemala's commitment to foster mutual prosperity and global peace.

They discussed the devastating impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on food and energy prices. Minister Ford commended Guatemala's own leadership in condemning Russia's actions, and commitment to engaging multilaterally to end this war.

Minister Ford expressed UK interest in deepening cooperation with Guatemala on poverty reduction, climate change and attract new investments, while stressing the need for continued Guatemalan efforts to tackle corruption.

Finally, Ministers agreed to continue working on spurring global economic security by reducing economic dependency on aggressors and creating stronger trade and investment among allies and partners, such as the United Kingdom and Guatemala.

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