PM call with UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres: 16 February 2022

Press release

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The Prime Minister said there is currently little evidence of Russia disengaging, and they agreed any invasion of Ukraine would have catastrophic and far-reaching consequences.

The leaders reiterated states' responsibility to abide by their obligations under the United Nations Charter and to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of UN members.

The Prime Minister and Secretary-General also reaffirmed the importance of all parties working in good faith to implement the Minsk Agreements. The UK will be represented by Europe Minister James Cleverly at a UN Security Council meeting tomorrow [Thursday] to discuss implementation of the Agreements.

They agreed to continue working closely together to pursue an urgent diplomatic resolution and avert a disastrous military escalation and humanitarian crisis.

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