

Press release: Foreign Secretary statement on the continued Gulf tensions

I welcome Qatar's statement that it will respond to Kuwait today (3rd July) on the concerns raised by Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt. I also welcome the joint statement by these four countries agreeing to Kuwait's request for more time to enable Qatar's response to be received.

This is an important step in building confidence between the parties. We strongly support Kuwait's mediation efforts. I hope that progress can continue to be made to restore Gulf Cooperation Council unity, which is a key element of stability in the Gulf region.