

Press release: PM call with Australian Prime Minister Turnbull: 14 September 2017

This morning the Prime Minister spoke to Australian PM Malcolm Turnbull. The leaders discussed the impact of Hurricane Irma and PM Turnbull passed on his sympathies for the loss of life and the damage that Irma had caused to the British Overseas Territories.

On North Korea the Prime Minister and Mr Turnbull welcomed the recent UN Security Council Resolution and the agreement of stronger sanctions. The Prime Minister welcomed the important role that Australia has played on sanctions. She added that the UK will continue to work on securing further EU sanctions.

The Prime Minister also stressed the importance of China's role in putting pressure on North Korea and of the international community continuing to work together to achieve a diplomatic solution.

The two leaders spoke about bilateral trade and welcomed the progress made in the UK-Australia Trade Working Group negotiations. They reiterated their commitment to an ambitious UK-Australia trade deal once the UK has left the EU.

The PM commended the work of the Australian authorities in foiling the recent plot to place a bomb on a plane in Sydney. She added that it is vital that the international community continue to work together to improve aviation security.

The leaders spoke about the ongoing situation in Burma with the PM making clear that the UK condemns the violence in Rakhine and calls on the Burmese security forces to take immediate steps to end the violence, de-escalate the situation, and to ensure the protection of civilians.