<u>Press release: PM meeting with Prime</u> <u>Minister Gentiloni: 7 July 2017</u>

The Prime Minister held a meeting with Prime Minister Gentiloni this afternoon to discuss the migration crisis in the Mediterranean.

The two leaders agreed that a team from Home Office and DFID will travel to Italy to offer expertise on processing papers and other documents to allow migrants to be returned to their source country.

They also committed to work together to tackle the problem upstream. They will work together on how best to spend £75million pledged by DFID to help migrants making the journey from Africa to the central Mediterranean route.

The Government has announced some of the money will be made available to fund voluntary returns home for migrants who are making this treacherous journey.