<u>Press release: PM meeting with</u> <u>Ukrainian Prime Minister Groysman: 5</u> <u>July 2017</u>

The Prime Minister welcomed Ukrainian Prime Minister Volodymyr Groysman to Downing Street this afternoon for a bilateral meeting.

The talks took place ahead of the <u>Ukraine Reform Conference</u> which the Foreign Secretary will co-host with Prime Minister Groysman tomorrow.

The Prime Minister and Prime Minister Groysman agreed that tomorrow's event will demonstrate continued international support for Ukraine's efforts to reform its economy and tackle corruption.

They discussed the launch of Ukraine's Reform Action Plan 2017 to 20 and the Prime Minister welcomed the progress that Ukraine has made so far.

She praised the political will demonstrated by Prime Minister Groysman and stressed the importance of maintaining momentum on this vital issue.

On security, the Prime Minister said that the UK remains steadfast in our support for the territorial integrity of Ukraine and in our condemnation of Russia's illegal annexation of Crimea.

They agreed on the importance of maintaining sanctions on Russia to keep up political pressure until the full implementation of the Minsk Agreement, and they discussed the importance of improving the capability of the Ukrainian armed forces.