<u>Press release: Sir Alan Duncan</u> <u>statement on adoption of UNSC</u> <u>Resolution on Colombia</u>

Foreign Office Minister for the Americas, Sir Alan Duncan welcomed the adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 2366 on July 10. The resolution will support Colombia's continuing journey toward peace.

Minister for the Americas, Sir Alan Duncan said:

We have witnessed Colombia embark on an extraordinary journey since peace negotiations began six years ago. By showing how even the longest and hardest of conflicts can be brought to a peaceful end, Colombia offers a beacon of hope to the world. But history has taught us that building a sustainable peace is a long and difficult process, and so we welcome the leadership shown by both parties in calling for the UN to support the next phase of this journey.

I welcome today's unanimous adoption of UN Security Council resolution 2366. I am pleased the international community has responded so swiftly to President Santos' request for continued UN Security Council support for the peace process. Working closely with partners on the Security Council, the UK was privileged to lead the negotiations establishing a second UN Mission for the next phase of the peace process. The UK remains steadfast in its support for Colombia.

Further information