

# Readout – Foreign Secretary meeting with US Secretary of State Blinken, 3 May 2021

Press release

Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab met US Secretary of State Antony Blinken ahead of the G7 Foreign and Development Ministerial Meeting.



A Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office spokesperson said:

Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab hosted US Secretary of State Antony Blinken at 1 Carlton Gardens ahead of this week's G7 Foreign Ministers meeting. They held a discussion on foreign policy priorities and opportunities to strengthen the UK-US friendship.

Discussions included UK-US shared commitment to open societies, a strengthened multilateral system, efforts to build back better from Covid-19, including through the COVAX facility and a UK-US FTA, and the need to stand together against the continuing malign and destabilising behaviour of Russia. The Foreign Secretary outlined UK priorities in the Indo-Pacific, including the need to hold China to account on Xinjiang and Hong Kong. They also discussed latest developments in Afghanistan, Iran and Ethiopia.

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