

Speech: Conclusion of the UK's Chairmanship of the Community of Democracies

The UK is delighted to have been Chair of the Executive Committee of the Community of Democracies (CoD) for the past six months.

On 29 January, the UK hosted the 29th meeting of the Governing Council in London, at which we welcomed representatives from Member States, Civil Society and observer states to participate in discussions around protecting and promoting democratic values.

The UK would like to thank the Secretary General and the Permanent Secretariat for their invaluable support during the Chairmanship.

Lord Ahmad, Minister of State for the Commonwealth and the UN at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office commented;

“The UK is honoured to have been Chair of the Executive Committee and I was particularly pleased to open the meeting of the Governing Council in January and discuss with esteemed colleagues from member states the importance of democratic participation. The UK will continue its commitment to the Community of Democracies through membership of its Executive Committee and its Working Groups. We will also be giving financial support towards the Community of Democracies’ fact-finding missions with an aim to encourage political resilience in emerging democracies, as agreed by the Governing Council. The UK warmly welcomes Poland as the next Chair of the Executive Committee.”