

UN Human Rights Council 50: UK statement on Ukraine and Crimea

Thank you, Mr President.

Let us not beat around the bush. It's 131 days since President Putin unleashed his brutal aggression against the independent sovereign state of Ukraine. 131 days of Russian violations of the Charter, human rights, and international humanitarian law, of a scale and a ferocity that we thought we would never see again on this continent.

Over 14 million displaced. At a conservative estimate, almost 5000 civilians killed. Tens of millions around the world facing hunger as a result of the Russian blockade and attacks on Ukraine's ports. The names of Bucha, Mariupol, Kremenchuk forever etched into our memories.

Let me thank you, High Commissioner, for the work of your monitoring mission, in seeking to bring the facts to light. The truth must be told. Accountability is essential.

For the people of Crimea this story of war began eight years ago. Since 2014 Russia has conducted a brutal and systematic campaign of human rights violations against them. And it is getting worse – persecution of Crimean Tatars is intensifying and last year saw a ten-fold rise in arbitrary detentions.

Mr President,

We will not rest until Russia ceases its illegal war, and withdraws its forces and military equipment from the entirety of Ukraine.

High Commissioner,

How best can we uphold the truth in the face of Russian systematic disinformation?

New data agreement with the Republic of Korea to spark new era of digital trade

- Milestone marks the UK's first data adequacy decision in principle since leaving the EU
- Agreement will unleash digital trade between the UK and Republic of

Korea, already worth more than £1.3 billion

British businesses and consumers are set to benefit as the UK announces an 'in principle' deal to boost data sharing with the Republic of Korea.

The deal is the UK's first independent adequacy agreement with [a priority country](#) since leaving the European Union and sees the government seizing the benefits of having independent data laws.

The ability to share more data without restrictions reduces administrative and financial compliance burdens and makes it easier for more organisations and businesses to trade and operate in both countries. It opens up new markets to digital trade – from startups to multinationals – and brings benefits such as lower prices to consumers.

Data-dependent trade between the UK and the Republic of Korea is already worth £1.33 billion. This agreement will empower British businesses to build on this and grow our economy.

The new [agreement](#) means UK-based organisations looking to sustain or grow their operations in the Republic of Korea, such as AstraZeneca and the bank Standard Chartered, and Korean-headquartered companies with operations in the UK, such as Samsung and LG Electronics, will be able to share data freely and maintain high protection standards. Organisations will no longer need contractual safeguards, such as International Data Transfer Agreements and Binding Corporate Rules in place.

The agreement will also boost research and innovation, making it easier for experts to collaborate on medical treatments and other vital research that could save lives in the UK.

Data Minister Julia Lopez who signed the landmark agreement today said:

Today marks a huge milestone for the UK, the Republic of Korea and the high standards of data protection we share.

Our new agreement will open up more digital trade to boost UK businesses and will enable more vital research that can improve the lives of people across the country

Republic of Korea Commissioner of the Personal Information Protection Commission Jong in Yoon said:

I am honoured to agree to this joint statement today. Strengthening cooperation between the UK and the Republic of Korea based on the shared recognition of high standards of protection can contribute to forming a healthier and more sustainable global data landscape

The deal in principle strengthens the UK's commitment to championing

international data flows as set out in the [National Data Strategy](#).

The decision follows a year of detailed technical discussions between officials from the UK Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and the Republic of Korea, the PIPC and the Financial Services Commission.

The deal will promote the trustworthy use and sharing of data between the two countries and spark a wave of digital trade. It is a clear signal that British organisations and consumers can trust data standards in the Republic of Korea.

Data-driven trade generated nearly three quarters of the UK's total service exports and generated an estimated £234 billion for the economy in 2019.

The Rt. Hon. John Whittingdale MP, Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to the Republic of Korea, said:

I am delighted that the first new data adequacy agreement to be reached in principle by the UK is with the Republic of Korea. This reflects the strong relationship which already exists between our two countries and our shared commitment to high standards of data protection. By enabling the free flow of data, I have no doubt that this will reduce barriers and help businesses to trade.

Caroline Louveaux, Chief Privacy Officer, Mastercard

This announcement by the UK and the Republic of Korea today is really important for a company like Mastercard. The ability to safely and securely exchange personal data, especially financial and credit information, is paramount to building trust. That trust is important for consumers to live their day to day lives and for small businesses to thrive

Daniel Camilleri, CEO and Co-Founder of Cyberselves said:

Secure and trusted transfers of personal data are critical to any organisation. As an SME seeking to export internationally, any changes that support friction free and cost reducing changes will support our ability to grow and expand.

This is a welcome announcement today between the UK and the Republic of Korea, which provides organisations like ours with greater certainty of the regulatory landscape.

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Notes to Editors:

- The full statement from the UK and Republic of Korea on their [agreement to finalise data adequacy](#) can be found here [LINK].
- The Information Commissioner will be consulted in accordance with the [Memorandum of Understanding](#) that sets out its role in UK adequacy assessments.
- Last August, the UK [announced](#) the Republic of Korea as a priority country for data adequacy alongside the United States, Australia, Singapore, the Dubai International Finance Centre and Colombia. The government continues to make excellent progress in its discussions with other priority countries
- Data enabled services to these destinations are already worth more than £80 billion. New partnerships will unlock more growth and allow us to share crucial information, such as life-saving research and cutting-edge technology innovation across our borders.

[Russia's intensified attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure in Ukraine: UK statement to the OSCE](#)

Thank you, Mr Chair. Just over 4 months since the start of Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine, we are deeply saddened to meet once again in the Special Permanent Council to mark yet further tragic developments in President Putin's brutal war of choice in Ukraine.

Russia's intense barrage of missile attacks continues to tear through towns across Ukraine. The cost for the civilians targeted has been devastating: yet more destruction, yet more injuries, yet more deaths.

The last few weeks have sadly been no exception, with increasing Russian attacks on civilian infrastructure. On the morning of 1 July, at least 21 people are reported to have died – including children – in air-launched missile strikes on 2 residential buildings and a recreation centre in the seaside resort of Serhiivka in Ukraine's Odesa region. On 27 June, the missile strike on the Kremenchuk shopping centre is reported to have killed as many as 25 people with more than 50 wounded. On 25 June, Kyiv was shelled overnight by Russia, targeting a residential district. We mourn with the

families of those that have lost their lives in this barbaric war.

The perpetrators of these appalling acts must be held to account. The UK continues to strongly condemn the deliberate targeting of civilians and civilian objects, as well as the indiscriminate or disproportionate use of any weapon. The deliberate targeting of civilians is not only abhorrent, but also a blatant violation of international law. The atrocities we see being committed day after day will not be forgotten. Those giving and those following illegal orders will be held to account.

Once again, we call on Russia to abide by the principles of proportionality and distinction; and to immediately cease the indiscriminate use of wide area impact weapons in civilian areas. And ultimately, we call once again on Russia to stop this war and withdraw its troops from the entire territory of Ukraine.

Mr Chair, as we have already heard, yesterday the international community gathered in Lugano, Switzerland, at the Ukraine Recovery Conference in solidarity with Ukraine. [My Foreign Secretary stated that Ukraine's recovery from Russia's war of aggression will be a symbol of the power of democracy over autocracy](#). It will show President Putin that his attempts to destroy Ukraine have only produced a stronger, more prosperous and more united nation. We commend the extraordinary bravery and resolve of the men and women of Ukraine in the face of this brutal assault on its sovereignty and territorial integrity. The UK is resolute in its support of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity; we will remain at Ukraine's side as it emerges as a strong and thriving democracy – however long it takes.

[Man arrested and illegal fishing net seized at Newbiggin by the Sea](#)

Press release

Fisheries Enforcement Officers from the Environment Agency arrested one man on suspicion of poaching sea trout at Newbiggin by the Sea.



Illegal netting arrest made at Newbiggin by the Sea

Fisheries Enforcement Officers from the Environment Agency have arrested a man on suspicion of poaching sea trout and seized an illegal fishing net at Lyne Sands, north of Newbiggin by the Sea.

Officers, carrying out targeted patrols, made the arrest at 0820 hours on 30th June 2022. During the operation, they seized the illegal gill net measuring 8m x 3m and a dead sea trout. The investigation is ongoing.

David Shears, Senior Fisheries Enforcement Officer for the Environment Agency, said:

Unattended and unlicensed gill nets are not only capable of killing fish indiscriminately, they will also kill any other wildlife that are unfortunate enough to get entangled in them

This incident highlights how vital it is for people to provide information to us and demonstrates that we will take action. We actively patrol the rivers and coastline around the North East and we continue to target all aspects of illegal fishing activity, particularly where potentially damaging methods are used.

A licensed, strictly regulated and managed sea trout fishery operates off the coast of Northumberland and local byelaws apply to ensure sea trout may only be taken by a limited number of licenced netsmen, during the approved season (26th March to 31st May). It is also illegal to use nets to catch salmon in the North East.

Those who operate unlicensed nets risk prosecution, with unlimited fines and possible prison sentences available to the courts, and Environment Agency officers can seize equipment and vehicles.

Information about illegal fishing can be reported to the Environment Agency's 24-hour incident hotline on 0800 80 70 60.

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PM call with President Zelenskyy: 5 July 2022

Press release

Prime Minister Boris Johnson spoke to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy this morning.



The Prime Minister spoke to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy this morning to update on progress and discussions held at G7 and NATO last week.

President Zelenskyy set out the current situation in Ukraine, and recent Russian advances, and the Prime Minister updated on the latest UK military equipment, including 10 self-propelled artillery systems and loitering munitions, which would be arriving in the coming days and weeks.

The Prime Minister said the world was behind Ukraine, and he believed President Zelenskyy's military could retake territory recently captured by Putin's forces.

On grain, the leaders agreed on the importance of getting it out of Ukraine as soon as possible, and the Prime Minister said the UK continued to work closely with partners on next steps and stood ready to help in any way possible.

The leaders also discussed the cases of British born Ukrainian fighters, who had been captured by Russian forces in recent weeks.

Speaking about yesterday's recovery and reconstruction conference for Ukraine in Lugano, the Prime Minister said he welcomed Ukraine's rebuild plans, and looked forward to the UK hosting next year's event.

The pair also discussed Eurovision 2023, and the Prime Minister said the UK had asked the EBU to consider Ukraine's proposals for the event.

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