

Joint statement following the visit of COP26 President-Designate Alok Sharma to Austria

Press release

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COP26 President-Designate Alok Sharma and Austrian Minister for Climate Action Leonore Gewessler met on 30 June 2021 in Vienna. They released the following statement:

Today, with just four months to go until the COP26 summit, we agreed our determination to drive forward multilateral collaboration as well as domestic action for building the conditions for success at Glasgow. COP26 will be a crucial moment for demonstrating our collective commitment to keeping 1.5 degrees within reach, guided by the latest available science, and reaffirming our commitment to the Paris Agreement.

We resolved that an 'all of society' inclusive approach to climate action is essential for the success of COP26 and we were both pleased to attend the Austrian World Summit this week. We jointly congratulate the efforts of all those involved in organising the Summit, which emphasised the clear need for the Public and Private sector to collaborate in parallel with Civil Society, in order to achieve an ambitious and inclusive outcome at COP26.

In this context, we also discussed the urgent need to scale up climate finance going towards the \$100bn goal to mobilise financial flows for both mitigation and adaptation. We noted the positive climate finance announcements from the G7, and the need to build on this momentum, including increasing adaptation finance, leading up to COP26. Likewise, we agreed that private finance will be instrumental in aligning and delivering financial flows for climate action in line with the objectives of the Paris Agreement. Crucial to this is establishing global reporting standards, and to this end we agreed that more investors should disclose in line with TCFD.

Finally, we agreed to continue working closely together to push for ambitious climate action both domestically and internationally, and reaffirmed our commitment to achieving a strong negotiated outcome at COP26, including through finalising the outstanding elements of the Paris Rulebook, in order to ensure full implementation of the Paris Agreement.

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[UN Human Rights Council 47: Interactive Dialogue on Venezuela with UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet](#)

World news story

The UK delivered this statement during the Interactive Dialogue on Venezuela with UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet.



The Human Rights Council takes place in Geneva.

Thank you, Madam President.

We welcome the High Commissioner's report on Venezuela. We repeat our call for OHCHR to be given unrestricted access to the entire country. Operating restrictions must also be lifted for civil society actors.

Between 2019 and 2021, the High Commissioner made 43 recommendations on Venezuela. None has been fully complied with. In many instances the situation has not improved and serious concerns remain.

These recommendations go to the heart of issues that impact the lives of

ordinary Venezuelans: including their right to life, health, access to water, and right to a fair trial. The people of Venezuela not only deserve, but are entitled to their human rights. It is crucial they are implemented.

We support a peaceful resolution to the democratic crisis and continue to call for free and fair elections.

We support all those human rights defenders and journalists who are standing up for human rights, good government, the rule of law, and highlighting practices that are destroying the environment in Venezuela, including in the Arco Minero del Orinoco.

- With recent announcements of reform in mind, what is your assessment of whether and how Venezuela's judiciary can contribute towards a better human rights environment?
- Which issues present the greatest challenges to persuading the Maduro regime to fully implement all of your recommendations?

Thank you.

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[Call for bids: addressing and tackling modern slavery in Malaysia](#)

World news story

The British High Commission in Kuala Lumpur is inviting project proposals for the 2021 to 2022 International Programme Fund (IPF).



UK Government

This call for bids is for project proposals that focus on tackling modern slavery (as defined by the ILO forced labour indicators) in Malaysia, especially in relation to migrant workers employed in the manufacturing sector.

Objectives

We are particularly interested in project proposals that:

- improve co-operation between policy makers, civil society and the private sector, helping raise standards and enforcement of those standards
- improve third-party auditing and due diligence within supply chains
- strengthen support networks for migrant workers affected by modern slavery

Projects overview

Projects will run from August 2021 to January 2022, with no expectation of funding beyond this period. See [budget guidance](#) (ODT, 12.4KB) for more information. The maximum budget allocated for projects is £20,000.

Assessment criteria

Bids will be assessed against the following criteria:

- alignment with objectives

- achievable outcomes within the funding period
- project design with clear monitoring and evaluation procedures
- risk and financial accountability procedures
- organisation's safeguarding policies ensuring protection of beneficiaries
- overall value for money

How to submit bids

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1. 7 July 2021

Entry deadline extended to 23 July 2021.

2. 6 July 2021

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[Change of Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Korea](#)

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Full name: Colin James Crooks

Married to: Young-kee Crooks

Children: Two

Dates	Role
2018 to present	Pyongyang, Her Majesty's Ambassador
2015 to 2018	Beijing, Minister Counsellor
2011 to 2015	EU Delegation Jakarta, Deputy Head of Mission, later Chargé d'Affaires (on loan to European External Action Service)
2009 to 2011	FCO, Deputy Head, South East Asia and Pacific Department
2008	FCO, Senior Policy Adviser on North Korea
2008	Pyongyang, Chargé d'Affaires
2008	On loan to Cabinet Office
2006 to 2008	FCO, Deputy Programme Director, Corporate Services
2002 to 2006	Washington, First Secretary
2000 to 2002	FCO, Principal Speechwriter to the Foreign Secretary
1999 to 2000	FCO, Head of Section, European Union Directorate
1998 to 1999	Seoul, First Secretary
1995 to 1998	Seoul, Second Secretary
1993 to 1995	Language Training (Korean)

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[How to protect yourself and others: guidance for door supervisors](#)



Security Industry Authority

We appreciate what a difficult job you do, dealing with members of the public in challenging circumstances and often placing yourselves in harm's way.

We want to highlight some of the guidance we have produced on good practice to help you continue to protect the public and keep yourself safe.

Protecting yourself and others

The private security industry plays an important role in the protection of the public.

We suggest that you read our [advice for security operatives](#). This includes:

- Guide to safer physical intervention for door supervisors
- Safer physical intervention for door supervisor's poster
- A guide to safer restraint

You can also read:

Helping vulnerable people

When working in the night-time economy you have an important role to identify and support people who may be vulnerable.

Look out for signs of vulnerable individuals, who might be:

- under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- alone or receiving unwanted attention
- separated from friends
- lost or isolated
- being followed or threatened
- victims of child exploitation
- under the age of 18
- elderly
- with mental ill-health
- with learning, physical, or a range of invisible disabilities

Report concerns at once to your supervisor or the venue management.

If you are concerned about someone's ability to get home safely, please consider the following:

- seek the help of street pastors, street marshals or any other active schemes
- call a relative to help in the case of a younger or vulnerable adult
- get a taxi or private hire vehicle for the person concerned (private hire vehicles must be booked through a licensed operator by phone, app or at a booking office; taxis can be hired the same way or hailed in the street or at a taxi rank)
- use 'safe havens' or other local initiatives run by organisations such as St John's Ambulance
- call the police

Well-trained, professional, reliable security is an essential part of a business's front-line services to customers.

Please continue to fulfil your role to the highest standards. Thank you for your dedication and professionalism in protecting the public.

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1. 20 December 2021

Removed the sentence “As lockdown measures are relaxed, some of you will be returning to work at licensed premises having not worked in that environment for a while.”

2. 17 December 2021

Replaced “call for a licensed taxi to take the vulnerable person home” with “get a taxi or private hire vehicle for the person concerned (private hire vehicles must be booked through a licensed operator by phone, app or at a booking office; taxis can be hired the same way or hailed in the street or at a taxi rank)”. This amendment was made at the request of the Department for Transport.

3. 6 July 2021

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