

PROTECTING OUR INTERNAL SECURITY

1. As seen from recent events, the threats that the United Kingdom and France face are varied, increasingly international, and constantly evolving. We face many shared threats from terrorism and serious and organised crime. These are threats that are faced by countries across Europe and no one country can tackle them alone. In the face of this, we remain firmly committed to working together to strengthen our internal security capabilities.
2. We are determined to continue working together through both bilateral and multilateral means to tackle the growing threats to the security of our citizens and our way of life. We reaffirm our commitment to deepening and enhancing our cooperation across a range of capabilities to ensure that we can fight crime and terrorism and keep our citizens safe by:
 - **Combatting Daesh** through our leading role in the 74 member Global Coalition against Daesh. Although Daesh have lost a lot of ground, they still hold pockets of territory in Syria and continue to pose a threat to neighbouring Iraq. Their official and unofficial branches continue to threaten security elsewhere around the world. As a global terrorist organisation, Daesh does not need to hold territory to be a threat. The job is not yet done; we are fully committed to ensuring Daesh's lasting defeat;
 - **Taking further action to tackle use of the internet by terrorists** and those who abet them, by strengthening and renewing our call for the communications service providers to speed up removal of illegal content and prevent online radicalisation. We welcome the recent progress made by the companies, but we urge the private sector and the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism to commit greater effort to preventing terrorist use of the internet. Ahead of the 2018 G7 Leaders' Summit, we call on them to further improve the automation of detection of terrorist content, implement effective removal within 1-2 hours of upload, prevent dissemination by expanding the database of hashes and provide greater support to smaller companies. The UK and France will continue to lead efforts with the European Commission and European member states to seek increased transparency from internet companies by pressing them to provide indicators and figures regarding the removal of illegal content from their platforms and services. We will consider legislative measures if necessary;
 - Develop and deliver joint **strategic communications campaigns** to counter the evolving global threat from Daesh propaganda;
 - Introducing a new bilateral **maritime counter-terrorism agreement** which focuses on port security, screening processes, armed response capabilities, sea marshals, and casualty management capabilities. This will enable French and British law enforcement agencies to better protect the safety of over 15 million passengers who cross the Channel each year and to secure cross Channel ports that generate significant mutual economic benefit;

- Strengthening collaboration to tackle **shared serious and organised crime threats**, including through joint operational activity, through an annual strategic dialogue on serious and organised crime; supporting the **security of the Western Balkans**, including through the Western Balkans Summit, which the United Kingdom will host in 2018; and
- Enhancing **intelligence exchanges** on illicit firearms, including ballistic forensics, and support strengthening of regulatory standards on deactivated firearms across Europe.