

JOINT COMMUNIQUE

JOINT MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE (PLENARY) 19 DECEMBER 2018 NO. 10 DOWNING STREET

A plenary meeting of the Joint Ministerial Committee was held today in Downing Street, chaired by the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Theresa May MP.

The participants were:

- from HM Government the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Theresa May, MP, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Rt Hon David Lidington MP, the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, Rt Hon Stephen Barclay MP, the Secretary of State for Scotland, Rt Hon David Mundell MP, the Secretary of State for Wales, Rt Hon Alun Cairns MP, and the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Rt Hon Karen Bradley MP;
- from the Scottish Government the First Minister, Rt Hon Nicola Sturgeon MSP and the Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations, Michael Russell MSP; and
- from the Welsh Government the First Minister, Mark Drakeford AM and Jeremy Miles AM, Counsel General Designate and Brexit Minister.

David Sterling, Head of the Northern Ireland Civil Service attended the meeting in the continued absence of a Northern Ireland Executive.

The Prime Minister congratulated the First Minister of Wales on his appointment. The two principal agenda items at the meeting were exiting the European Union and the state of relations. Under the first item, the Prime Minister updated the First Ministers on negotiations with the European Union. The Committee discussed next steps on the UK's exit from the EU. Under the second item, the Committee noted progress on the review on intergovernmental relations and remitted further work to officials.