

EU AND UK DOMESTIC ADVISORY GROUPS TO THE EU-UK TRADE AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT



Joint Statement

The EU and UK Domestic Advisory Groups (DAGs) have welcomed the Common Understanding in statements previously issued around the inaugural EU-UK Summit on 19 May (see here). Our joint meeting on 23 June in London represented the opportunity to express our mutual desire to ensure the improved tone and content of EU/UK relations is maintained and given impetus, as the best means of meeting our shared objectives of growth and prosperity and decent jobs as well as sustainability and resilience.

In particular the DAGs were clear that there is no time to be lost in implementing the various elements of the Common Understanding and to be clear about how they relate to the review of the TCA due next year. A roadmap with timescales and a clear operational governance structure was a key ask of participants.

Looking ahead the DAGs are best placed to advise on and aid implementation and with a clear role in that regard. This will be even more important as we look ahead to the next summit in 2026 and the measurement of progress that will arise from this process.

Geopolitical instability and associated economic shocks make the Common Understanding a vital first step but one we must build on to secure the future for UK and EU businesses, workers and citizens.

London, 23 June 2025