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Readout of Deputy Secretary Mayorkas' Trip to the United Kingdom

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LONDON — Yesterday, Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas concluded a two-day trip to London, where he met with United Kingdom counterparts to discuss counterterrorism efforts, aviation security, and efforts to stem illegal immigration and global human trafficking.

During his visit, Deputy Secretary Mayorkas participated in the United States-United Kingdom Joint Contact Group Plenary where he highlighted the importance of bilateral collaboration on a wide-range of common homeland security-related priorities, including counterterrorism efforts, collaboration in law enforcement, and information sharing. He also discussed the enhancements to the Visa Waiver Program's Electronic System for Travel Authorization announced earlier this week. These enhancements were designed to address terrorism threats from overseas and provide added security for the continued facilitation of visa-free travel to the United States from our closest friends and allies.

Deputy Secretary Mayorkas also met with U.S. Ambassador to the United Kingdom Matthew Barzun and U.K. Home Secretary Theresa May to underscore the inextricable link between the security of the United States and United Kingdom.

Yesterday, Deputy Secretary Mayorkas also delivered remarks at the London School of Economics, where he discussed the importance of international collaboration to combat terrorism, human trafficking and cyber crime, while facilitating lawful trade and travel that supports the global economy.

Today, Deputy Secretary Mayorkas will be in Paris, where he will participate in the G6 Ministerial and meet with international counterparts to discuss efforts to counter violent extremism and extremist travel to and from Syria.

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