

DHM Barton Keynote
On behalf of Secretary May

“I want to thank our US colleagues for hosting this event. It is important to the UK Government that we develop a better level of collective knowledge of the extent to which links exist between organised crime and terrorism.

The first duty of Government is to protect national security. Organised crime and terrorism threaten that security, and the prosperity and freedoms of nation states.

We need to understand the extent to which these threats may be converging, and where this is happening, so that it informs the decisions and responses that we make in the future.

We value highly our partnership with the US in tackling and responding to the threats posed by terrorism and organised crime. I wish you all success as you explore these issues over the next two days. I look forward to jointly building on the outcomes of this meeting as we move forward, including through the crime / terror pipelines meeting to be hosted by the UK in London in the autumn.”