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Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary attend UN General Assembly Ministerial Week

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The United Nations General Assembly Ministerial Week, 24 - 30 September brought together Heads of State and Government and Ministers from all 193 member nations to address global issues.

Foreign Secretary discusses UN General Assembly Ministerial Week September 2012

Full coverage:

Saturday 29 September

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Ministers take steps to strengthen the Commonwealth

- Foreign Secretary William Hague, and Minister of State for the Commonwealth Hugo Swire represented the UK at the Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers meeting in New York today, where Ministers agreed measures to strengthen and modernise the Commonwealth._

_In pictures: In the margins of Commonwealth Foreign Ministers meeting, Foreign Office Minister Hugo Swire meets

Papua New Guinea Foreign Minister Pato

; Foreign Secretary William Hague and Minister Swire meet

Australian Foreign Minister Carr

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Friday 28 September

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Nuclear terrorism remains one of the greatest threats to our global peace and security

” - UK Statement by Baroness Warsi at the UN High Level Meeting on Countering Nuclear Terrorism - 28 September 2012

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Foreign Secretary statement on the importance of isolating the Assad regime and ending impunity

- Foreign Secretary William Hague spoke after today’s meeting of the core group of the Friends of Syria._

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Foreign Secretary welcomes extension of UN Commission of Inquiry on Syria

- The UN Human Rights Council today passed a further resolution on Syria which condemned the appalling human rights violations by the Syrian regime and extended the mandate of the UN Commission of Inquiry._

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Minister for Africa calls for international condemnation of support for militia groups in eastern DRC

- The Minister for Africa, Mark Simmonds, attended the UN High Level Meeting on the Great Lakes yesterday which aimed to focus attention on the instability in the region, and encourage a consensus on the way forward._

_In pictures: New photos of yesterday’s

Friends of Yemen meeting

co-chaired by Foreign Secretary William Hague.

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_In pictures: Foreign Secretary William Hague meets

Prime Minister of Ethiopia Hailemariam Desalegn

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Vice President of South Sudan Riek Machar

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Thursday 27 September

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Foreign Secretary calls for more action to help Yemen

Foreign Secretary William Hague’s opening remarks at the fourth UN General Assembly Friends of Yemen Ministerial

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With genuine commitment from all involved, in partnership with the government of DRC, long term sustainable solutions can be achieved

” - Statement by UK Minister for Africa, Mark Simmonds, at the UNGA Mini-Summit on the situation in Eastern DRC

_Foreign Secretary William Hague

meets Ecuadorian Foreign Minister Ricardo Patino

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I congratulate Sudan and South Sudan on bringing these intensive weeks of negotiation to a positive outcome”

- Minister for Africa Mark Simmonds speaks at the High Level Sudan/ South Sudan Consultative Forum

_Foreign Office Minister Baroness Warsi

signs cooperation agreement with the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation

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In pictures: Foreign Office Minister Alistair Burt meets

Tunisian Foreign Minister Rafik Abdessalem

; and

Arab League Secretary-General al Araiby

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In pictures: Foreign Office Minister Mark Simmonds meets

UN Under-Secretary-General Ameerah Haq

; and

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago Honourable Winston Dookeran

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_In pictures: Baroness Warsi meets

Secretary General of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation Professor Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglo

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Wednesday 26 September

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The UK will provide an additional £10 million to help the new government of Somalia

” - Intervention by the Foreign Secretary, William Hague at the Secretary-General Mini Summit on Somalia

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The Arab Spring is a moment of huge opportunity to build peace, security and prosperity for the region and by extension, the world”

_ - _Intervention by the Foreign Secretary William Hague, at the UN Security Council meeting on Peace and Security in Middle East and North Africa

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The United Kingdom restates its longstanding commitment to the people of Gibraltar

- Statement of the delegation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in exercise of the right of reply to the remarks made by the Prime Minister of Spain in the general debate on 25 September 2012

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There can be no negotiations on the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands unless and until such time as the islanders so wish

” - Statement of the delegation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in exercise of the right of reply to the remarks made by the President of the Argentine Republic in the General Debate on 25 September

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Statement by the UK Prime Minister David Cameron

to the 67th Session of the UN General Assembly (

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We need to unite to develop effective international action to help the Malian Government restore territorial integrity, democratic legitimacy and national security

” - UK Statement by Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Mark Simmonds to the Sahel Ministerial Summit

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UN Commission on Life-Saving Commodities and contraceptive implants

: Remarks at stakeout by UK Secretary of State for International Development Justine Greening _

_In pictures: Prime Minister David Cameron meets

Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi

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Libyan President Mohamed Yousef El-Magariaf

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Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari and Afghan President Hamid Karzai

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_In pictures: Foreign Secretary William Hague meets

Brazilian Foreign Minister Antonio Patriota

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_In pictures: Minister for Africa Mark Simmonds meets

Mali Prime Minister Cheick Modibo Diarra

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Rwanda’s Foreign Minister Louise Mushikiwabo

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Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cote d’Ivoire Daniel Kablan Duncan

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DRC Foreign Minister Raymond Tshibanda

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_In pictures: Baroness Warsi meets

Afghanistan’s Deputy Foreign Minister Jawed Ludin

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Tuesday 25 September

Foreign Secretary

pledges £1 million to tackle sexual violence in conflict

; Remarks by Foreign Secretary William Hague to the open UN General Assembly side-event
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Preventing sexual and gender-based crimes in conflict and securing justice for survivors

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Peacebuilding: A way towards sustainable peace and security

- Baroness Warsi speaks at UN Peacebuilding debate_

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We have a clear objective and that is the ending of global absolute poverty”

- Prime Minister David Cameron remarks at media stakeout as a Co-Chair of the Secretary-General’s High-level Panel on the Post-2015 Development Agenda .

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In pictures:

Mr. Burt meets Dr Abdul Samad Abdullah

, Foreign Minister of the Maldives;

Mr. Burt meets UNODC Executive Director Yury Fedotov

at the UN General Assembly;

Mr Burt meets Mr Hoshyar Zebari

, Iraqi Minister of Foreign Affairs;

Mr Burt meets Youssef Amran

, Moroccan Deputy Foreign Minister

In pictures:

Foreign Secretary William Hague meets Mr Wunna Maung Lwin

, Foreign Minister of Myanmar;

Foreign Secretary William Hague recording an interview

on CNN’s Amanpour;

Foreign Secretary William Hague meets with the US President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama

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Monday 24 September

Yemeni President Hadi visits UK ahead of Friends of Yemen meeting in New York

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Baroness Warsi speaks at the ECOSOC Special Ministerial meeting

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In pictures:

Mr Burt meets Najib Mikati,

Prime Minister of Lebanon;

Mr Burt meets Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa

, the Bahraini Foreign Minister;

Baroness Warsi meets Hamrokhon Zarifi

, Foreign Minister of Tajikistan.

Key issues for Ministerial Week included the situation in Syria, and efforts to support stability in Somalia and Yemen.

The UK hosted the fourth Friends of Yemen Ministerial meeting. Ministerial Week also saw the first meeting of the High Level Panel on the post-2015 development agenda, which was co-chaired by the Prime Minister.

Foreign Secretary William Hague co-hosted an event on preventing sexual violence in conflict, with the UN Secretary General’s Special Representative and UN Women.

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