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**JOINT DECLARATION INITIATIVE**

Following this morning's inner Ministerial meeting, I attach a composite briefing note, primarily for use by No 10 and NIO press offices when the Joint Declaration is made, and also by those participating in the briefing of opinion formers more generally which would accompany the Joint Declaration.

2. On the day, the brief would need to be used in conjunction with the Prime Minister's opening statement to the joint press conference, and the question and answer briefing prepared for that press conference. I am submitting these separately today.

3. This material should be sent to those who attended the Ministerial meeting. It could go today if there is a convenient opportunity; or alternatively could wait until after the Brussels meeting tomorrow.

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