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## UK FOREIGN SECRETARY BORIS JOHNSON MEETS ROMANIAN COUNTERPART IN BUCHAREST

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Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson will be in Bucharest on Monday, September 25, to meet with his Romanian counterpart, Foreign Affairs Minister Minister Teodor Melescanu.

The meeting in Bucharest is part of a visit in the region, with stops in Prague and Bratislava. Also on September 25, Johnson is meeting the Czech Foreign Affairs Minister Lubomír Zaorálek. On September 26 he will be Bratislava to meet with State Secretary Ivan Korčok.

Johnsons visit is meant to reassert the value in which the UK attaches to our friendly relationships and to build on our cooperation on a range of issues of mutual interest, according to a press release.

Foreign policy issues of security and defense, and bilateral trade are on the agenda of the visit.

I am delighted to be visiting the Czech Republic, Romania and Slovakia and look forward to meetings with colleagues to work closely on a range of foreign policy issues, including security and defense. The UK will continue to play a full part on European security questions as we prepare to leave the EU, Johnson said of the visit.

We have strong cooperation with all three on security and defense policy, countering Russian influence, combating modern slavery, the drugs trade and terrorism and in our shared desire to increase trade between us. Following on from the Prime Ministers speech in Florence, the Foreign Secretary will be able to show how the UK intends to deepen the bilateral relationship it has with its friends across Europe, notwithstanding our departure from the EU, the official statement reads.

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