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## **CHINA SEEKS CLOSER COOPERATION WITH UK AMID 'TURBULENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION'**

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China Friday called for strengthening of ties with the UK, which will be "in the interest of both countries and the world," amid reports that British Prime Minister Keir Starmer was preparing for a trip to Beijing.

Amid a turbulent international situation, it is in the interests of both countries and the world, for China and the UK, as permanent members of the UN Security Council, to strengthen exchanges and cooperation, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Guo Jiakun told reporters in Beijing.

Guo, however, said the information regarding Starmers trip will be released in due course.

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