



**34<sup>th</sup> British-Irish Council Summit, Scotland  
06 November 2020**

**Communiqué**

The British-Irish Council (BIC) held its 34<sup>th</sup> Summit meeting today hosted virtually by the Scottish Government. The heads of delegation were welcomed by the Right Honourable First Minister of Scotland, Nicola Sturgeon MSP. A full list of Ministerial participants is attached.

**Economic Recovery in the context of Covid-19**

Ministers discussed the impact of Covid-19 upon the economies of Member Administrations, reflecting the significant and potentially long-lasting social impacts. The Council also discussed the vision, priorities and opportunities to drive economic recovery, and discussed areas of coherence across Member Administrations.

**Latest Political Developments**

Ministers noted that since they had last met at a Summit of the British-Irish Council, the Northern Ireland Executive had been restored, and welcomed the participation of the Northern Ireland Executive First Minister and deputy First Minister.

Ministers took the opportunity to discuss the latest political developments across their jurisdictions and engaged on topics of mutual interest such as the economy and trade.

Ministers also updated the Council on their activity in relation to the UK's exit from the European Union earlier this year.

**BIC Secretariat**

The Council also noted the Secretariat's 2019/20 End of Year and 2020/21 Mid-Year Reports and welcomed the publication of the Council's Annual Report for 2019/20.

**Next Summit Meeting**

The Council noted that the next BIC Summit would be hosted by the Northern Ireland Executive.

**BIC Secretariat**

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### **List of Ministerial Delegates**

<b>Scottish Government</b>	
First Minister	Rt Hon Nicola Sturgeon MSP
Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, Europe and External Affairs	Michael Russell MSP
Cabinet Secretary for Finance	Kate Forbes MSP
<b>Northern Ireland Executive</b>	
First Minister	Rt Hon Arlene Foster MLA
deputy First Minister	Michelle O'Neill MLA
Minister of the Economy	Diane Dodds MLA
Minister of Finance	Conor Murphy MLA
Minister for Communities	Caral Ní Chuilín MLA
Junior Minister	Declan Kearney MLA
<b>Welsh Government</b>	
First Minister	Rt Hon Mark Drakeford MS
Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales	Ken Skates MS
<b>Government of Guernsey</b>	
Chief Minister	Deputy Peter Ferbrache
<b>UK Government</b>	
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster	The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland	The Rt Hon Brandon Lewis MP
Secretary of State for Scotland	The Rt Hon Alister Jack MP
<b>Government of Jersey</b>	
Chief Minister	Senator John Le Fondré
Deputy Chief Minister	Senator Lyndon Farnham
Minister for External Relations	Senator Ian Gorst
<b>Irish Government</b>	
An Taoiseach	Micheál Martin T.D.
An Tánaiste	Leo Varadkar T.D.
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Defence	Simon Coveney T.D.
<b>Isle of Man Government</b>	
Chief Minister	Hon Howard Quayle MHK
Minister for the Treasury	Hon Alfred Cannan MHK