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## **FRENCH MFA CATHERINE COLONNA MET HER UK'S COUNTERPART JAMES CLEVERLY IN PARIS**

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Furthermore, the ministers decided to work closely together in the preparation of the next summits of the European Political Community (EPC), in particular the one organized by Moldova, in Chisinau, on 1 June next, before the one to be organized by the Kingdom -United. Ms Colonna and Mr Cleverly recalled that the challenges facing our two countries, such as energy security, the protection of our critical infrastructures, or the fight against illegal immigration, call for responses at the level of the European continent, for which CPE provides a useful framework.

The two ministers also stressed the importance of good preparation for the next NATO summit which will take place in July, in Vilnius, to implement the decisions of the Madrid summit in June 2022. They insisted on the necessary complementarity , reinforced in the context of the Russian war against Ukraine, between the Atlantic Alliance and the European Union.

Finally, with regard to global issues and the necessary strengthening of multilateralism, France and the United Kingdom recalled their ambitions in terms of climate and biodiversity and the importance of working together to strengthen United Nations governance." Source: French Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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