

US-UK CYBER COMMUNIQUÉ

The United States and the United Kingdom share unparalleled bilateral cooperation that seeks to preserve peace and stability, empower innovation and prosperity, and protect and promote the democratic rights and responsibilities of citizens around the world. Cyberspace provides one of the essential foundations for opportunities and growth within any modern prosperous global economy: without it many of the economic advantages and technological benefits we have today would not be possible. President Obama and I agree on a shared vision for cyberspace which places at its heart fundamental freedoms, privacy and the free flow of information in a secure and reliable manner.

Therefore, today, we have reaffirmed our commitment to:

1. Engage the international community leading up to the November London International Cyber Conference to build consensus on the broad principles that will sustain and enhance the prosperity, security and openness of our networked world;
2. Strengthen the rule of law in cyberspace by promoting the accession to and implementation of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime to which the UK acceded today, joining the United States and 30 other states as parties to the world's foremost treaty to combat cybercrime internationally;
3. Working more closely with our private sector and business partners acknowledging that much of the innovation and investment that shapes cyberspace takes place from within the commercial sector;
4. Help more countries and peoples benefit from the use of cyberspace by establishing regular collaboration on Information and Communications Technology (ICT) development between U.S. and UK counterpart agencies engaged in cyber capacity-building;
5. Develop further our ability and the ability of our allies to prevent, detect, defend against and recover from the full range of national security threats we face in cyberspace;
6. Coordinate efforts for research and development for improved cyber security, by jointly requesting R&D proposals, conducting cooperative reviews, providing joint and coordinated funding, and working together to ensure transition to use of technologies.

Our goal is to nurture and accelerate the progress that these technologies have enabled in our economies and societies; we will continually work, individually and as partners to ensure they create jobs, enrich lives, and provide return on the sound investments we make in them today.