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The Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission, Australian Federal Police, New Zealand Police, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, United Kingdom (UK) National Crime Agency, United States (U.S.) Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement/Homeland Security Investigations, and the UK Counter Terrorism Policing, known as the Five Eyes Law Enforcement Group (FELEG) met in Melbourne, Australia over 8-11 May 2023 for the Annual Principals’ Meeting. The FELEG stands together as international law enforcement agencies, committed to protecting our countries and citizens from the harms of criminal activity.

Chaired by the Australian Federal Police Commissioner, Reece P Kershaw APM, the FELEG Agencies met to reaffirm the Group’s commitment to our shared common objective of combatting transnational crime and protecting the collective national security environment, with the goal of making our nations safer.

The FELEG Agency Principals agreed to target thematic areas of focus as well as drug trafficking, cybercrime and economic crime. The focus of the FELEG in 2023 is the ‘enablers’ of crime which are relied upon by transnational organised crime groups to advance their criminal activities and interests no matter their illicit enterprise. The FELEG has agreed to:

* Target criminal groups who exploit active and passive safe havens to operate in the shadows targeting our nations.
* Identify and target priority drug trafficking and money laundering criminal networks.
* More effectively share intelligence which will be available to, and accessible by, all FELEG partners.
* Identify a list of common priority targets for disruption opportunities of transnational organised criminal networks.
* Use collective resources and capabilities to place compounded pressure on transnational organised crime targets.
* Engage more broadly with academic, industry and other bodies.

Through the FELEG, we will work together to strengthen resiliency and ensure our countries are protected from those seeking to do us harm. We are committed to working with our law enforcement counterparts globally to help ensure rule of law and respect of sovereignty.