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Press Notice

NEW MOVES ON CRIME PREVENTION
ACTION AGREED AT NO 10 MEETING

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At a meeting today chaired by the Prime Minister, representatives of industry and commerce, insurance companies, the unions, the police and central and local Government agreed a programme of action to give crime prevention a high priority in their activities.

The following specific action was agreed:

- A new British Standard for car security will be prepared by Autumn 1986.
- The Association of British Insurers will encourage members to consider introducing incentives to policyholders to improve the security in their homes.
- Advisory packages on security in inner city households and on commercial robbery will be prepared.
- Urgent studies will be undertaken on crime including violence on the London Underground; and violence to bus crews and Health Service staff.
- Advice will be prepared on practical steps which members of the public can take to reduce the likelihood of being attacked.

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- Measures will be developed to reduce shop theft and crime in shopping centres.

The Home Secretary will hold a follow-up meeting in the early Summer to take stock of progress in each area and report to the Prime Minister.

In other areas it was agreed that:

The National House Building Council would sponsor an action research project on the design and construction of a new secure residential estate.

New handbooks on local authority estate design and management would deal with security.

Measures to reduce theft from pre-payment fuel meters would be pursued.

In collaboration with the licensed trade the Home Office would devise preventive measures against violence associated with licensed premises.

Crime prevention training of National Health Service staff would be developed.

The Department of Education and Science would study ways of combating crime in schools and would advise local authorities on effective action.

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Notes for Editors

Organisations participating in the seminar included:

Association of British Insurers	Prudential Assurance Co
Royal Insurance Company	Cornhill Insurance Group
Ford Motor Company	British Leyland Cars
Confederation of British Industry	Trades Union Congress
Racal-Chubb Limited	Wilmot-Breedon Limited
British Retailers Association	Association for Prevention of Theft in Shops
Electricity Council	British Gas Corporation
National Consumer Council	Associations of Metropolitan Authorities, County Councils and District Councils
Society of Local Authority Chief Executives	National House Building Council
Housebuilders Federation	Association of Chief Police Officers
Royal Institute of British Architects	British Standards Institution
Allied Breweries	British Security Industry Association