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LONDON - British Prime Minister Gordon Brown says he will discuss a "global new deal" with U.S. President Barack Obama in Washington meetings this week.

Brown was set to fly to the United States Monday, becoming the first European leader to meet with the new U.S. president, scheduling discussions with Obama for Tuesday and a Wednesday speech before a joint session of the U.S. Congress, the BBC reported.

Brown, who is coming off a European Union summit, told reporters he would take a "clear message" to Washington from EU leaders that "bold global action" was needed to tackle the economic crisis. Writing in the Sunday Times of London, Brown said he and Obama would discuss a "global new deal whose impact can stretch from the villages of Africa to reforming the financial institutions of London and New York."

The Brown-Obama meetings are coming ahead of the Group of 20 economic summit in London next month, where Brown said is vital that world leaders "take the big decisions necessary to secure our economic future," the BBC reported.

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