

EU-UK high-level video conference chaired by Ursula VON DER LEYEN, President of the EC, with the participation of David SASSOLI, EP President, and Charles MICHEL, President of the European Council and Boris JOHNSON, British Prime Minister

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Background:

Prime Minister Boris Johnson met the President of the European Council Charles Michel, the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, and the President of the European Parliament, David Sassoli, on 15 June by videoconference to take stock of progress with the aim of agreeing actions to move forward in negotiations on the future relationship.

The Parties noted the UK's decision not to request any extension to the transition period. The transition period will therefore end on 31 December 2020, in line with the provisions of the Withdrawal Agreement.

The Parties welcomed the constructive discussions on the future relationship that had taken place under the leadership of Chief Negotiators David Frost and Michel Barnier, allowing both sides to clarify and further understand positions. They noted that four rounds had been completed and texts exchanged despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Parties agreed nevertheless that new momentum was required. They supported the plans agreed by Chief Negotiators to intensify the talks in July and to create the most conducive conditions for concluding and ratifying a deal before the end of 2020. This should include, if possible, finding an early understanding on the principles underlying any agreement.

The Parties underlined their intention to work hard to deliver a relationship, which would work in the interests of the citizens of the Union and of the United Kingdom. They also confirmed their commitment to the full and timely implementation of the Withdrawal Agreement.

Summary:

David SASSOLI, EP President participates in the EU-UK high-level video conference chaired by Ursula VON DER LEYEN, President of the EC with Charles MICHEL, President of the European Council and Boris JOHNSON, British Prime Minister, in the European Parliament in Brussels.

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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
00:00:00	Title: Please add a title	00:00:05
00:00:05	Exterior shots of the EP, Brussels	00:00:05
00:00:10	Arrival of David SASSOLI, EP President with David McALLISTER (EPP,DE), Chair of the European Parliament's UK Coordination Group (UKCG) - (5 shots)	00:00:39
00:00:49	Charles MICHEL, President of the European Council; Ursula von der LEYEN, President of the European Commission and David SASSOLI, President of the European Parliament (6 shots)	00:00:19
00:01:08	Arrival of Boris JOHNSON, UK Prime Minister with David FROST, Chief NHegotiator of the Task Force Europe (2 shots)	00:00:29
00:01:37	Ursula von der LEYEN, President of the European Commission launches the meeting (2 shots)	00:00:21
00:01:58	End	00:00:05

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