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For 122 days, the Withdrawal Deal is on the table.

We are once again in a crucial week of important votes in the House of Commons, awaiting this time around that the outcomes of the vote will be determinant and we will see a way forward. But, for the time being, uncertainty continues.

The limits of uncertainty, both economic and political, were pushed to the limit during Brexit. We in the Union, European Institutions and Member States, we have spared no efforts to provide as much certainty as possible to this process.

The Strasbourg agreement approved last Thursday by the European Council provided one more layer of legal certainty not only to the Withdrawal Agreement, but to the whole process.

I hope this will be useful for the third meaningful vote.

Let me finish by saying that if the option for a longer extension is seriously discussed, if there is in UK a cross-party debate and decision on a renewed political declaration, we urge you, the British politicians, to do it in a way respecting citizens and their rights and avoiding creation of uncertainty for them.