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For the European leaders the new Brexit deadline was a difficult choice to make but openness, constructiveness and responsibility have won.

Now, it is up to the British side to use this additional time in a constructive way. I would like to assure Mr Farage that we do not count on him.

Unfortunately and it has been disappointing, over the last week, we have heard comments and read tweets of anti-European English politicians about how they are going to sabotage our work in the months to come. Those politicians deserve to be told that we will not allow for that.

We will protect EU and its citizens. EU will continue to be the source of stability also to this absurd and sad process of Brexit.

Unfortunately on the British side there is no sign that a cross party breakthrough is near.

We clearly see, however, is that the real problem is not backstop. It is the future relationship. So, maybe it is worth to go back to what seems to be forgotten which is benefits of an orderly withdrawal which offers a transition, a possibility of its extension, nearly four years for negotiating the future, instead of uncertainty, which has its price. This price is growing.

So maybe a solution is around the corner. What is needed from UK politics is defining what it really wants.