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Let me start on a positive note welcoming the rather encouraging reports on launching of the settled status scheme in the UK. But the challenge is somewhere else today. For 129 days we have a withdrawal deal on the table and we have European Council decision regarding extension until 12 April. It is dramatically late but not too late. There is still a chance to avoid no deal by accident. But this requires that the UK sets out a workable plan, with a clear end result. It is the last chance of PM May to establish with Labour Party leader a common approach based on what was lacking so far - trust. A common approach that would allow UK to move forward and avoid no deal. This is crucial, because the future of citizens is at stake. All the concerns of the House of Commons that we see relate to political declaration and we are ready to look at different options to accommodate British worries about the future. And let me finish by underlying once more that a no deal is in nobody's interest. A no deal is not what the European Union has striven for. A no deal is not what the United Kingdom has committed to achieve.