

Brexit: EP Steering Group insists on need for Ireland/Northern Ireland backstop

European Parliament Brexit Steering Group chaired by Guy Verhofstadt issued the following statement this Monday 15 October:

“We have followed very closely the developments of the last 24 hours.

It is our very strong view that the Withdrawal Agreement must include a workable, legally operational and all-weather backstop for the Ireland/Northern Ireland border fully in line with the Joint Report of last December and the Prime Minister May’s letter to President Tusk of 19 March 2018.

Without such a backstop, the European Parliament would not be in a position to give its consent to the Withdrawal Agreement.

We reiterate our full support for the Chief Negotiator and his negotiating strategy.”