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## Brexit deal vote: reaction to Presidents Juncker and Tusk **letter to UK Prime Minister May**

EUROCHAMBRES President Christoph Leit has welcomed the additional clarity provided by Presidents Juncker and Tusk in their 14 January letter to UK Prime Minister Theresa May: "The letter reiterates the EU's strong desire to reach agreement on future relations as swiftly as possible without the need to trigger the backstop. This should provide the assurance sought by some Members of the British Parliament regarding the EU's intentions. The vote tonight is a vital opportunity to put the disruptive process of withdrawal behind us and to start constructive negotiations on a future agreement that ensures strong economic ties between the UK and the EU27 for many years to come. The business community across Europe will be looking to the British Parliament this evening to grasp this opportunity and to support the deal."

## Additional information:

EUROCHAMBRES Press release: 'Mother of all parliaments' must put the economy first (14/01/2019):

EUROCHAMBRES' documents about Brexit: www.eurochambres.eu/Content/default.asp?pagename=Brexit

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