

# European Parliament approves Brexit agreement - video

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The session is chaired <sup>1</sup> by Maireen McGuinness.

*Ursula Von Leyen (from Germany), EU Commission President* — I want to use the words of the famous British poet George Eliot. She said : 'only in the agony of parting do we look into the depths of love' <sup>2</sup>. We will always love you and we will never be far. Long live Europe !

*Guy Verhofstadt (from Belgium, Alliance for Liberals and Democrats in Europe)* — So this vote is not an adieu. This vote, Mr President, is, in my opinion, only an au revoir. Thank you very much.

*Nigel Farage (from Britain, Brexit Party)* — What's not to like? <sup>3</sup> I know you're going to miss us. I know you want to ban our national flags but we're going to wave you good bye and we'll kook forward in the future to working with you as sovereign... *[microphone cut off by Mairead McGuinness]*

*Mairead McGuinness (from Ireland, Vice President of the European Commission)* — if you disobey the rules you get cut off. Could we please remove the flags.

*Nigel Farage* — That's it. It's all over. Finished!

*Mairead McGuinness* — Can I move now, and with a certain amount of guilty pleasure give the floor to <sup>4</sup> Madam - and Professor Scott Cato. For one minute, please.

*Molly Scott Cato (from Wales, Britain, Green Party)* — With grief <sup>5</sup> and regret, I accept that we will leave the European Union on Friday -Oh, no, here come the tears-. But we must keep the dream alive, especially for young people who are overwhelmingly pro-European. I hold in my heart that one day I will be back in this chamber celebrating our return to the heart of Europe. Thank you.

*Laura Huhtasaari (from Finland, Finn Party)* — Britain will triumph outside of the EU. The island nation began a shining <sup>5</sup> movement that cannot be stopped. Farewell to the Brexit Party. I love you guys.

*Aileen McLeod (From Scotland, Scottish National Party)* — On Friday, Scotland will be dragged <sup>6</sup> out of the EU against the democratic wishes of our people. And when the moment comes for Sotland to rejoin the EU, I hope this parliament will welcome us in that same spirit onf European solidarity, and in the meantime, <sup>7</sup> I hope very much that you will leave a light on <sup>8</sup> for Scotland.

*Members singing:*

For auld lang syne

We'll take a cup of kindness yet,

For auld lang syne.

[Auld Lang Syne](#)

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1. chaired: présidé ↩
  2. agony of parting: la souffrance de la séparation ↩
  3. What's not to like? = Je ne vois pas le problème, tout est au mieux dans le meilleur des mondes (approx) ↩
  4. give the floor to : donner la parole à ↩
  5. to shine : briller (This Finnish MP does not speak English very well) ↩ ↩
  6. to drag : tirer de force, ici extirper ↩
  7. in the meantime: en attendant ↩
  8. leave a light on: laisser une lumière allumée ↩