

Minutes of the meeting

Brussels, 10 February 2020

Participants:

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister of Scotland

Ewan Crawford, EU Advisor to the First Minister

Mike Neilson, Director of the Scottish Government Office to the EU

European Commission, UKTF:

Michel Barnier, Chief Negotiator

Paulina Dejmek Hack, Director

Michel Barnier met Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister of Scotland, at her request.

Making clear that he only negotiates with the UK government, Mr Barnier explained the EU's approach towards the negotiations on the future relationship with the UK, highlighting the need for a trade agreement to be accompanied by strong level playing field guarantees and for the future security and economic partnership to be encompassed under one governance roof.

Ms Sturgeon repeated her well-known regrets at Brexit, expressing the hope that eventually Scotland would be in the EU again. Now, Scotland would closely work with the other devolved administrations to make its view vis-à-vis the future relationship heard.

Of particular importance to the Scottish government are:

- level playing field;
- fisheries.