

## Minutes of the meeting with the Irish Council of Churches<sup>1</sup>

**Brussels, 30 November 2017**

**Participants:**

Bishop John McDowell, President of the Irish Council of Churches

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European Commission, TF50:

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[REDACTED] provided the delegation with an overview of the state of play of the Article 50 negotiations with the United Kingdom and the ongoing work towards reaching “sufficient progress” on the three key priorities of citizens’ rights, the financial settlement and the question of the border on the island of Ireland. [REDACTED] then answered a number of questions, a lot of which related to the peace process in Northern Ireland and the need to avoid a hard border on the island of Ireland.

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