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ITEMS DEBATED**Preparation of the Special European Council (Article 50) of 29 April**

The Council, in an EU27 format, prepared the Special European Council (Article 50) to be held on 29 April. It finalised the preparatory work on the draft guidelines for the Brexit negotiations and agreed to forward the document to the heads of state or government for final adoption.

The initial draft of the guidelines was presented by President Donald Tusk on 31 March, following notification by the United Kingdom of its intention to leave the European Union and the triggering of Article 50 TEU. Once adopted by the European Council, these guidelines will define the framework for negotiations with the UK and set out the positions and principles that will guide the EU during the talks.

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The European Council approved on 27 April 2017 the reply to confirmatory application 07/c/01/17 (doc. [7/1/17 REV 1](#)).
