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### General Affairs

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President **Sven Mikser**  
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Estonia

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## **ITEMS DEBATED**

### **Preparation of the European Council (Article 50) on 15 December 2017**

The Council, in EU27 format, was informed by the EU Brexit Chief Negotiator, Michel Barnier, about the state of play of the negotiations with the UK. Ministers took note of the Commission's assessment of the progress achieved in the first phase of negotiations, as reflected in the communication from the Commission and the joint report by the EU and the UK negotiators on the UK's withdrawal from the EU. The EU heads of states or governments will now decide whether sufficient progress has been made to advance to the second phase.

Ministers then finalised the preparations for the European Council (Article 50) on 15 December 2017 with a discussion on the draft guidelines for further negotiations with the UK.

**OTHER ITEMS APPROVED**

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