

Statement following the tenth meeting of the Specialised Committee on the implementation of the Protocol on Ireland and Northern Ireland

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Today, as a follow up to the Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee meeting on 21 February 2022, the European Union and the United Kingdom held their tenth meeting of the Specialised Committee on the implementation of the Protocol on Ireland and Northern Ireland (the 'Protocol'), by videoconference.

Representatives from the Northern Ireland Executive and from EU Member States also attended as part of, respectively, the UK delegation and the EU delegation.

The EU and the UK took stock of the progress made to address the specific issues concerning the Protocol raised at previous Specialised Committee meetings in accordance with Article 164 of the Withdrawal Agreement.

Both Parties underlined their ongoing determination to ensure that outstanding issues in the context of the Protocol are addressed, and durable solutions are found as soon as possible for the benefit of people and businesses in Northern Ireland.

The EU and the UK also took stock of the work of the Joint Consultative Working Group.

In addition, the EU and the UK reiterated the importance of further engagement with business groups, civil society and other stakeholders in Northern Ireland and committed to further joint engagements.