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Brexit debate must not descend into theatre

Quote from Philippe Lamberts

On the state of the Brexit negotiations ahead of the next EU Council Summit (October 18-19), as debated this morning in the European Parliament Plenary, President of the **Greens/EFA** group in the European Parliament, **Philippe Lamberts,** comments:

"All sides need to avoid that the Brexit debate descends into some second-rate theatre show where both sides throw barbs while blaming each other for not progressing. The future of millions of citizens depend on this deal. Both sides need to put all their efforts into the negotiations instead of making unqualified statements in the press.

"The UK government should not forget that they joined the EU freely and that it was the UK's decision to leave. If in the future this decision should be revised, the EU should not close the door."

You can find Philippe Lambert's speech to the European Parliament Plenary on Brexit here: http://extranet.greens-efa-service.eu/public/media/file/1/5718

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