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Ska Keller on Brexit and Migration

European Council

This Thursday and Friday (14-15 December), leaders from the 28 EU member states will attend a meeting of the European Council in Brussels. The agenda includes migration and the decision on whether to progress to stage two of the Brexit negotiations. Greens/EFA co-president **Ska Keller**, who will be present at the summit, comments:

“The question of Northern Ireland remains a crucial issue for us. Theresa May's assurance that there will not be a hard border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland is promising, but it is not a solution. The remarks from British Brexit Minister David Davis, who described the agreement as merely a non-binding "letter of intent", certainly don't inspire confidence. We will not agree to any deal with the United Kingdom that threatens peace in Northern Ireland.

“With his letter to the heads of state and government, European Council President Donald Tusk is undermining the prospects of a solidarity-based refugee policy in Europe. It is unacceptable for him to give strength to the naysayers such as Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic. Without a fair redistribution of refugees, European asylum policy will remain vulnerable to crisis. As President of the Council, Tusk should be doing his utmost to resolve the solidarity crisis among the Member States, not exacerbating it.”

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