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## **OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS**

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Subject:	General Affairs Council (art. 50) on 22 May 2017 - draft Council decision authorising the opening of negotiations with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for an agreement setting out the arrangements for its withdrawal from the European Union (with the Annex) - draft Council decision concerning the establishment of the as hoc Working Party on Article 50 TEU chaired by the General Secretariat
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On 22 May 2017, the General Affairs Council (Art.50) examined the two above mentioned draft Council decisions, including the draft directives for the negotiation annexed to the draft Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for an agreement setting out the arrangements for its withdrawal from the European Union.

GAC (Art.50) adopted both Council decisions as set out in the following documents:.

- Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for an agreement setting out the arrangements for its withdrawal from the European Union: doc. 21016/17 BXT 24 LIMITE + COR 1;

- Annex to Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for an agreement setting out the arrangements for its withdrawal from the European Union. directives for the negotiation of an agreement with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland setting out the arrangements for its withdrawal from the European Union: doc. 21016/17 BXT 24 ADD1 REV 2
  - Council Decision concerning the establishment of the *ad hoc* Working Party on Article 50 TEU chaired by the General Secretariat of the Council: 21017/17 BXT 25 POLGEN 64 LIMITE + COR 1 .
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