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On May 22, a press conference was held following the meeting of the General Affairs Council (Article 50) of the European Union. Speaking on behalf of the Maltese Presidency of the Council of the European Union, Mr Louis Grech noted the success of today's meeting and said that the EU 27 had shown consensus once more on the subject of Brexit negotiations. The EU's chief Brexit negotiator, Michel Barnier, then noted that the first phase of negotiations will be of critical importance and will set the tone going forward; he was optimistic that the first phase could be concluded successfully which would provide mutual trust between the two entities.

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