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The main aim of the UK's strategy on Europe has always been to get the most out of it to support its policy of economic deregulation, as is demonstrated by its constant efforts to remove market barriers, repeal EU social laws and stand in the way of any kind of political or monetary union. Thus, regardless of the outcome of Brexit, it is to be expected that, in the negotiations between the UK and the EU on a new framework of relations between both sides, the UK will use the status of EU citizens resident there as a bargaining chip to retain or extend the privileges it has obtained up to now, with the strategic complicity of the Commission.

Both the Prime Minister and the Brexit Minister, as well as other members of the British Government, have threatened to restrict the right of EU citizens to remain in the UK.

1. What are the Commission's objectives in terms of the future status of EU workers and students in the UK?
2. What guarantees can the Commission give that in the forthcoming negotiations the interests of EU citizens living in the UK will be fought for alongside other considerations that are not related to the movement of people?