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Answer given by President Juncker
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission assumes that the Honourable Member refers to the press release of 19 December 2018¹ announcing the implementation of a 'no-deal' Contingency Action Plan in specific sectors. The press release announced a package adopted by the Commission on that date comprising a Communication² and 14 measures in a limited number of areas. As set out in the Communication, contingency measures adopted at all levels should comply with the following principles: they should not replicate the benefits of membership of the Union, nor the terms of any transition period, as provided for in the draft Withdrawal Agreement; they should be temporary in nature; they should respect the division of competences provided for by the Treaties; national contingency measures should be compatible with EU law; they should not remedy delays that could have been avoided by preparedness measures and timely action by the relevant stakeholders.

Moreover, they should be adopted unilaterally by the European Union in pursuit of its interests and should be revocable at any time. In this spirit, there will be no negotiation of a no-deal withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the EU.

¹ http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-18-6851_en.htm

² COM(2018) 890 final