**John Howarth (S&D).** – Mr President, as the resolution recognises, the logical consequences of the UK Conservative Government’s red lines are customs checks and delays at Dover and elsewhere, which will seriously impact the supply chains not only of UK businesses, but also businesses in the EU27. Theresa May’s red lines have boxed the UK into a corner, with a free trade agreement now the only option. This will be damaging for the EU and a disaster for the United Kingdom. Whitehall’s own assessment of the impact makes for bleak reading. If the UK ends up with only a free trade agreement, it can expected a GDP drop of 5% nationally, including in my South-East constituency. Under WTO rules, which the likes of UKIP want, that would be even worse.

None of this seems to bother the UK Conservatives, who seem to have abandoned UK business entirely, but it will not be their wealthy chums who suffer from this. It will be ordinary people. It is high time this government dropped its red lines and negotiated with an open mind.