

**Question for written answer E-005532/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Choosing appeasement in UK-Ireland relations

Since the sovereign vote for Brexit, the Commission has consistently pursued an aggressive and threatening approach against the UK.

In the last few days, the most recent 'offensive' by the Commission sought publicly to exacerbate relations between the United Kingdom and Ireland.

In the field of energy, Commissioner Miguel Arias Cañete has referred to the grant kindly awarded for the 'Celtic Interconnector' with the aim of isolating the British.

As regards the issue of borders, the Commission is playing a dangerous game by blocking a bilateral agreement between the United Kingdom and Ireland on the Ulster-Éire border and transitional arrangements regarding freedom of movement between the two countries.

Is the Commission aware that its divisive policy is causing serious tensions given the Irish historical context?

Is this isolationist policy vis-à-vis the United Kingdom not contrary to European principles?