



## **European Union Committee Report: *Brexit: The Proposed UK-EU Security Treaty* Debate on 16 January 2019**

This briefing identifies relevant reports and useful documents, including recent parliamentary materials and press articles, which may be of assistance to Members in preparing for the following debate:

Lord Jay of Ewelme to move that this House takes note of the Report from the European Union Committee *Brexit: The Proposed UK-EU Security Treaty* (18th Report, HL Paper 164).

Copies of the materials are available for collection from the Library.

### **Key Information**

- House of Lords European Union Committee, [Brexit: The Proposed UK-EU Security Treaty](#), 11 July 2018, HL Paper 164 of session 2017–19, pp 3–4; and [Government Response](#), 5 November 2018

*Summary of the committee’s report—including concerns about the time available to negotiate a comprehensive security treaty—and the Government’s response. The conclusions and recommendations from the committee report are reproduced in the Government response document.*

- HM Government, [Political Declaration Setting Out the Framework for the Future Relationship between the European Union and the United Kingdom](#), 25 November 2018, pp 15–21

*Part III of the political declaration agreed between the UK and the EU setting out the two parties’ shared objectives for establishing a security partnership covering law enforcement and judicial cooperation in criminal matters, foreign policy, security and defence.*

- HM Government, [EU Exit: Assessment of the Security Partnership](#), 28 November 2018, Cm 9743, pp 3–27

*Government assessment comparing the security partnership as set out in the political declaration with a no-deal scenario.*

- House of Commons Library, [The Political Declaration on the Framework for Future EU-UK Relations](#), 21 December 2018, pp 50–9

*Extract from a briefing on the political declaration, providing background and context to Part III of the political declaration, covering the future security partnership.*

- House of Lords European Union Committee, [Brexit: The Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration](#), 5 December 2018, HL Paper 245 of session 2017–19, pp 56–61

*Extract from a report setting out the committee’s assessment of the security partnership part of the political declaration.*

- House of Commons Home Affairs Committee, [Home Office Preparations for the UK Exiting the EU](#), 7 December 2018, HC 1674 of session 2017–19, pp 3–18

*Extract from a report setting out the committee’s concerns about a lack of detail on the security partnership in the political declaration and “insufficient preparations” for negotiating the security treaty.*

- House of Commons Exiting the European Union Committee, [The Progress of the UK’s Negotiations on EU Withdrawal—The Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration](#), 9 December 2018, HC 1778 of session 2017–19, pp 33–5

*Extract from a report setting out the committee’s view on the security and foreign policy aspects of the political declaration, and calling for negotiations on these issues to be settled as soon as possible.*

## Press Articles and Comment

- Malcolm Chalmers, ‘[Initial Thoughts on the Government’s Assessment of the Security Partnership with the EU](#)’, Royal United Services Institute, 28 November 2018
- Nick Witney, ‘[The Future UK-EU Security Partnership Will Damage the Interests of Both Parties for No Good Reason](#)’, UK in a Changing Europe, 30 November 2018
- BBC News, ‘[No-deal Brexit Could Put Public at Risk, Warns Met Chief](#)’, 27 December 2018

## Further Information

- House of Lords Library, [Proposed UK-EU Security Treaty](#), 23 May 2018
- HM Government, [Framework for the UK-EU Security Partnership](#), May 2018
- House of Commons Home Affairs Committee, [UK-EU Security Cooperation After Brexit](#), 21 March 2018, HC 635 of session 2017–19; and [UK-EU Security Cooperation After Brexit, Follow-up Report](#), 24 July 2018, HC 1356 of session 2017–19
- House of Commons Defence Committee, [The Government’s Proposals for a Future Security Partnership with the European Union](#), 8 June 2018, HC 594 of session 2017–19

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