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**EBF statement on UK parliament's Brexit vote**

BRUSSELS, 16 January 2019 – Following Tuesday's vote in the UK Parliament on the Brexit deal agreed in November between the European Union and the UK government, Wim Mijs, Chief Executive Officer of the European Banking Federation, said:

*"We deeply regret that the United Kingdom is not able to provide clarity on its Brexit course. Courageous leadership decisions now are essential. It is still not too late to avoid a hard Brexit cliff-edge, but the clock is ticking fast. We can only express our hopes that the political establishment in the UK will find a way forward. In the meantime, banks across Europe are well prepared and continue to implement their Brexit contingency plans."*

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