

# Northern Ireland Protocol and EU-UK relations: UK and EU joint statement



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Foreign Secretary Liz Truss and Commission Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič held their first meeting at Chevening on 13 to 14 January.

The meeting took place in a cordial atmosphere. They agreed that officials would meet next week in intensified talks and that the principals would meet again on 24 January.

We share a desire for a positive relationship between the UK and the EU underpinned by our shared belief in freedom and democracy.

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