

News story: David Davis' opening remarks at the start of second round of EU exit negotiations in Brussels

It's good to be back in Brussels, to open the next formal round of the negotiations.

We made a good start last month, and as Michel says we are now getting into the substance of the matter.

As you've heard, it's four categories; the issue of citizens rights, the issue of finance, the issue of separation issues and of course, separately, Northern Ireland.

For us it is incredibly important that we now make good progress, that we negotiate through this and identify the differences so that we can deal with them, and identify the similarities so we can reinforce them.

And now, it's time to get down to work and make this a successful negotiation.

Thank you very much indeed.