<u>Press release: PM meeting with</u> <u>President Macron: 9 April 2019</u>

The Prime Minister met with President Macron in Paris this afternoon ahead of the EU Council meeting tomorrow.

Following the Prime Minister's letter to Donald Tusk last week, the leaders discussed the UK's request for an extension of Article 50 to June 30th, with the option to bring this forward if a deal is ratified earlier.

The Prime Minister updated President Macron on the ongoing talks with the Opposition to agree a way forward that respects the result of the 2016 referendum.

They also discussed upcoming European Parliamentary elections with the PM saying that the government was working very hard to avoid the need for the UK to take part.

The leaders also discussed the ongoing situation in Libya. The PM expressed her deep concern about the recent escalation and said it was important for the international community to work together to bring an end to the violence.