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Brexit: Theresa the Appeaser has given in on virtually everything - Nigel Farage MEP

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Transcript:

I don't think l've ever heard so little criticism of the United Kingdom in this chamber in all my life, I guess that doesn't really take much working out does it?

Monsieur Barnier said earlier that there were key areas upon which he wasn't prepared to make any concessions, well you didn't need to sir because you were up against Theresa May and she was all for making as many concessions as she possibly could. Including agreeing a ludicrous bill of up to 40 billion sterling for us to have the right to leave, a continued role for the European Court of Justice and in line with that family reunions that mean frankly open door immigration from the European Union is going to continue for years to come and almost bizarrely a commitment for ongoing regulatory alignment. It's as if even though we're leaving effectively the British Government wants to keep us in some form of Single Market relationship so l'm not surprised you're all very pleased with her.

Theresa the appeaser has given in on virtually everything. But as an observation in an exercise of power it's fascinating, whether we like or dislike the EU we can't deny the power that it's got because you managed to make a British Prime Minister leave Downing Street in the middle of the night, fly to Brussels to go and forge an agreement with unelected bureaucrats based in Brussels. I mean it's a form of ritual humiliation which she was prepared to put herself through. She has danced to your tune all the way through this, you must be very, very pleased indeed.

And now we enter into what perhaps may be the biggest deception yet played on the British public. She is seeking a transition phase and there are one or two comments here about whether the Brits will get that phased, well of course they will, we're volunteering to go on paying the membership fee, to accepting all the existing rules, all the new rules, we will effectively once the transition is granted have left the European Union at the end of March 2019 in name only. And if that transition phase lasts up until the next General Election there is a possibility the new incoming British Government/coalition could sign us up to the Single Market and the Customs Union forever.

So I do understand why many in this place feel encouraged by the performance of our Prime Minister, I can assure you increasingly millions who voted for Brexit are feeling frustrated, perhaps even now moving to the point of anger. It's the same story across the whole of the West, the aspirations of the people and the aspirations of our political leaders

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