

Grow up or we'll walk away - Farage to Juncker

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Speaking today in the European Parliament plenary debate in Strasbourg on the European Council's adopted guidelines for the Brexit negotiations UKIP MEP Nigel Farage labelled Mr Juncker's behaviour as unacceptable and called for a change of tactics from the EU or the United Kingdom may be forced to walk away from the talks before the end of the year.

Nigel Farage MEP said:

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Transcript:

"Thank you. Imagine if you invited a very important guest round for dinner and you made all the preparations and there were some very important, confidential conversations that needed to be had and you thought everything had gone well and yet within hours your guest had told the outside world that you, the host, was deluded, that you were living in a different galaxy. And then all the contents of the conversation were blabbed to an opposition newspaper and to add insult to injury you say that the food wasn't actually very good either and then a few days later in a display of extreme petulance you even deride the national language of the host, which by the way is looking a bit silly as last Saturday's extravaganza known as the Eurovision song contest saw ninety percent of the songs sung in English.

Look if you were the host and you'd been treated like that by someone that you thought was important and someone you thought you could trust, I think you'd be asking yourself were you dealing with a reasonable person? I don't know Mr Juncker whether this is how you carry on in Luxembourg, I doubt it because in any other part of the civilised world frankly that behaviour would be considered to be bloody rude and the act of a bully. Well I'll tell you something, your attempt to bully the Brits through these negotiations is not working, sixty-eight percent now of the British people want Brexit to happen. And all of that on top of a ludicrous ransom that Monsieur Barnier wants that I'm told has now doubled to a hundred billion euros.

Either we get some grown up, reasonable demands from the European Union or the United Kingdom will be forced to walk away before the end of this year. We can't spend two years with this farce, there is a big, big world out there. I'm beginning to think, and I very rarely agree with Marxists, but perhaps Mr Varoufakis is right when he says about negotiating with the EU, "it is a technocracy that is desperately clinging on to its own exorbitant, illegitimate power". You may have crushed Greek democracy two years ago, you ain't gonna do it to us. "Å