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April Strasbourg Update from Stuart Agnew MEP

There was a major Brexit debate followed by a Brexit Resolution to vote on. Our Group tabled a number of amendments to this and were surprised to see the way other British MEPs voted.

Labour voted against Britain starting trade talks with non-EU countries immediately and against discussing tariff-free trade with the EU during the Brexit negotiations.

Labour and the Tories both voted against our proposal that there should be no legal obligation for the UK to contribute to the EU budget post-Brexit.

Labour voted:-

- Against ending the authority of the European Court of Justice in the UK.
 - Against defending the rights of UK citizens in the EU.
 - Against saying free movement of people must end.
- Against rejecting 'paragraph 22' (the mechanism that gives Spain the right to veto Brexit topics that involve Gibraltar).
- Against the right of the UK to have its own fisheries policy.

The Conservatives abstained on our demand that the free movement of people must end.

Tories and Labour both voted against acknowledging that controlling immigration, ending financial contributions and repatriating powers were the reasons for the Referendum victory.

All our amendments failed by a large margin, yet they do no more than reflect a genuine Brexit.

The European Parliament has thus confirmed that it intends to make the exercise as difficult as possible.



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