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Communication by the Secretary-General of the European Schools

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

On 29 March 2017, the Government of the United Kingdom has notified the European Council of the intention of the United Kingdom to withdraw from the Union.

This notification will have direct and indirect impact on the European Schools.

By invoking Article 50 of the Treaty of the European Union, a two-year negotiation period has started.

In order to follow-up this negotiation process and to analyze the possible scenarios for the intergovernmental system of the European Schools the Board of Governors, at its meeting on 4 – 6 April 2017, has set up a Working Group to deal with all potential consequences of the 'BREXIT' and a potential denunciation of the Convention Defining the Status of the European Schools.

The Working Group is expected to analyze the legal situation and the potential consequences in the financial, the administrative and in the pedagogical area. The Working Group should provide a risk assessment and define measures to mitigate identified risks. Finally, the Working Group shall prepare concrete proposals for the Board of Governors in order to ensure also in future high quality teaching in all existing language sections in the European Schools.

The Working Group is supposed to involve all main stakeholders including the staff and parents representatives. Pupils' representatives will be invited when pedagogical aspects will be discussed.

We are aware that the 'BREXIT' raises many concerns among staff members, pupils and parents and that the concerns of pupils and parents are also related to the future perspectives of our pupils.

We are willing to address these concerns and to keep all stakeholders updated on a regular basis on the further development and the decisions to be taken.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary-General of the
European Schools