Irish counterpart Michael D. Higgins on Friday, backing " strengthens our commitment to the idea of EU countries as partners," the statement said. "However, India included, all partnership agreements must be on the same footing."

"We all have commitments to each other on the EU," the statement said. "The commitment to the idea of EU countries as partners must be on the same footing."

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