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We are now going to have half an hour with three planning staff directors of the three ministries of foreign affairs for Germany, the UK and France. As I am sure you all have observed, Germany and the UK are flanked by France.

Since we have a relatively short time — we have about half an hour — I would like to ask our three colleagues and friends one single question, and that question is, “Is the European Union threatened in its existence because of so many crises, such as the refugee crisis, the terrorist crisis, the financial and monetary crisis, the populist crisis, potentially the Brexit crisis and probably other threats?” That is my single question and I suggest that perhaps we could start with a short statement from each of you and then we will launch a debate. Let us start with Thomas Bagger, who is the director of policy planning at the German Federal Foreign Office.