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**FRANCE SAYS PROGRESS IN BREXIT TALKS SHOWS COMMON SENSE PREVAILING**

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PARIS (Reuters) - Common sense is prevailing in Brexit negotiations between Britain and the European Union, Frances foreign minister said on Friday, as he welcomed signs that talks were moving into a new phase after an initial breakthrough.

The European Commission said on Friday enough progress had been made in Brexit negotiations with Britain and that a second phase of discussions should begin, ending an impasse over the status of the Irish border.

The work that has been done on negotiations ... is gradually leading us to common sense, Jean-Yves Le Drian told France Inter radio. We wanted the conditions for (Britains) withdrawal to be clearly defined to be able to move into another phase. Thats whats going to happen now, I hope.

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