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Beatles Drummer Ringo Starr Praises Brexit

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LONDON – Former Beatles drummer Ringo Starr has praised Britain's decision to leave the European Union, saying that he hopes the United Kingdom can move forward alone.

Starr, who lives in Los Angeles, said that he was in favor of the European Union when it first started.

"I was a huge fan when (the EU) started. I've lived all over Europe so I thought 'how great'. But it never really got together, I didn't think. Maybe in a business way it got together but everyone kept their own flags – it didn't really turn into a love fest," he said, according to British media outlets.

The musician's statements come after a total of 51.9 percent of Britons voted on June 23 to leave the EU in a referendum with the participation of 72.1 percent of voters.