

The door to the European Union should remain open to the United Kingdom after Brexit

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The United Kingdom, unless its Parliament changes its position at the last minute, will leave the European Union on the 29th of March 2019 at midnight.

UEF-France, French section of the Union of European Federalists:

1. Recalls that, in a statement issued shortly after the consultative referendum which gave a majority to the option of withdrawal from the European Union, it called for the principle to respect the vote of British citizens and for the rapid implementation of an orderly exit, so that the European Union could quickly focus on its necessary reform;
2. Regrets, however, the conditions under which the referendum was held: a poorly informed or even misinformed public; proven interference by foreign powers; a campaign masking the real consequences of the proposed decision; and finally, the exclusion of part of the electorate, in particular British residents of a European Union country;
3. Admires the tremendous mobilization of the British opposed to this fateful decision, before and since the referendum;
4. Reaffirms that the choice of withdrawal from the European Union is disastrous for the citizens of the United Kingdom and denounces the irresponsibility of a British political establishment which, by nationalist ideology or political tactics, has mainly encouraged and accompanied this choice, and then aggravated its consequences by rejecting the balanced agreement negotiated with the European Union for an orderly exit;
5. Reaffirms its requirement that European citizenship should become an acquired right of each individual European, independent of the citizenship of a Member State, so that one cannot be deprived of European citizenship by a Member State that decides to leave the Union as it may happen today.

As a result, UEF-France:

1. Calls on the institutions of the European Union and the governments of its 27 Member States to do their utmost, possibly unilaterally if necessary, in the absence of a common solution, to minimise the human consequences of Brexit and to minimise their impact on the personal situation of Europeans, including the British, particularly those currently residing in another Member State of the Union;
2. Calls for accession to the European Union to remain open at all times to the peoples of the United Kingdom, provided that any candidate State accepts all the *acquis communautaire* and the content of the Treaties, in particular the single currency (the euro) and the agreements governing free movement ("Schengen", etc.), and that it adheres to the spirit of the European integration project, in particular the values and federal vocation of the European Union.

Brexit only has to mean goodbye for now.
