



A Stronger United Kingdom in a United Europe

Stronger United Civic Appeal of June 25, 2016

Today, June 25, 2016, Europe celebrates 68 years since the start of the 1948 Berlin Airlift. For 322 days the joint air forces of the United States of America, the United Kingdom, and the British Commonwealth flew over 200,000 flights and provided the beleaguered citizens of West Berlin close to 90,000 tons of fuel, food, and other life necessities to help them preserve their freedom and dignity as they bravely resisted the Soviet-imposed blockade of their valiant city. This supreme moment of solidarity between freedom-loving citizens across Europe, North America, and the world lit a beacon of hope that transformed the history of the war-torn and divided continent and marked a new era of military, economic, and political cooperation between former adversaries spanning borders, languages, and continents. It marked the birth of a new Europe based on common values of democracy, prosperity, and diversity and on a vision of a hopeful, brighter future for all citizens on both sides of what Winston Churchill then called the continent's "Iron Curtain".

Today, we Britons and Europeans stand at a bifurcation point in our history as critical as that of 68 years ago. Our actions over the coming months and years will determine whether we will move forward as a united European civil society animated by values of peace, prosperity, pluralism, and participative governance or whether we will again regress back to centuries-old patterns of mistrust, conflict, crisis, and war we trusted to have forever banished from our continent. The June 23, 2016 Referendum on whether the United Kingdom should remain a member of the European Union is a watershed moment not only for Britain but for the European Union and for the entire trans-Atlantic community. Given:

- the brief, acrimonious, and misleading campaign which preceded this vote;
- the close margin of victory of the "Leave" campaign;
- the deep divisions this referendum brought to light across the breadth and depth of British society;
- the strong reactions it triggered among our fellow European citizens resident in Britain and throughout the European Union;
- the subsequent resignation of Prime Minister David Cameron;
- the lack of democratic legitimacy of any future Prime Minister and Cabinet to be selected exclusively by members of the Conservative Party without any popular consultation; and
- the duty and responsibility of any such future British government to assume responsibility for the results and consequences of this referendum in accordance with our well-established constitutional rules and conventions as well as with fundamental principles of representative democracy and the rule of law;

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We, the citizens of this United Kingdom of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, strongly united in our respect for democratic values, human rights, and the dignity of all individuals at home and abroad for which we and our forbearers have stood and fought for decades and centuries past,

Hereby provide clear and mandatory instructions to our elected representatives -whose partisan actions have brought us at the edge of social strife, economic decline, and political implosion - as to how to proceed from here on forwards with regard to our country's constitutional future over the next three years.

1. Art. 50 of the Treaty on European Union regarding the United Kingdom's exit from the EU can only be triggered once the results of the June 23, 2016 Referendum have been enacted into law by the British Parliament.
2. Any unelected British Prime Minister lacking a legitimate popular mandate to govern our country is constitutionally required to hold national elections to obtain a direct and conclusive popular mandate to do so;
3. Such a General Election can be called only after the expiry of one year and a day from the official proclamation of the June 23, 2016 Referendum results so to allow us, members of the British civil society, the necessary time and opportunity to engage in responsible and democratic deliberations on the composition of our next government and on the nature and scope of the mandate we wish to entrust it with;
4. Further to the election of a new British government (the "New Government") no earlier than June 25, 2017, our duly elected national representatives shall appoint a non-partisan Negotiation Team (the "Team") composed of at least twelve eminent and respected individuals representing a cross-section of our civil society and drawn from the public and private, academic and civil service spheres, and provide it with Terms of Reference to negotiate the United Kingdom's new relationship with the European Union and its member states, and to re-define the rights and responsibilities of all our citizens towards each other;
5. The New Government shall present the unaltered results of the Team's negotiations (the "Negotiation Results") to us, the citizens of the United Kingdom, no earlier than twelve months from the start of these negotiations and no later than two years from the appointment of the immediate successor to the current Prime Minister, David Cameron.
6. The Negotiation Results shall constitute the New Government's official electoral platform for the 2019 European Parliament elections, so as to allow a full, inclusive, and democratic debate across the entire European public sphere of critical decisions that will affect all citizens of the European Union.
7. Should the New Government win a majority of British MEPs in the 2019 European Parliament elections it will then have the legitimate popular mandate to enact into law and to proceed with the implementation of the Negotiation Results.



8. Should the New Government fail to win such a majority of British MEPs in the 2019 European Parliament elections, it will be required to hold a new and binding Referendum on U.K. membership in the European Union (the Second Referendum) no earlier than six months after the 2019 European Parliament elections.

9. The Second Referendum shall be worded as follows:

*“The United Kingdom shall remain a full member of the European Union” (“Stay In Option”); or
“The United Kingdom shall leave the European Union by implementing the Negotiation Results” (“Leave Option”).*

10. The Second Referendum must meet a participation rate of at least 75% of all eligible voters; the winning option must garner a simple majority of all valid votes cast. It is the New Government’s duty and responsibility to ensure that the above participation rate is met in actual fact.

11. In the eventuality of a win by the “Leave Option”, the New Government shall notify its EU partners that the United Kingdom shall proceed with the implementation of the Negotiation Results. In the eventuality of a win by the “Stay In Option”, the New Government shall notify its EU partners that the United Kingdom shall remain a full member of the European Union subject to the same membership conditions as any other European Union members.

12. No other Referendums regarding any constitutional matters, including but not limited to issues pertaining to the independence of any of Britain’s constituent nations, shall be legally authorized or held in actual fact by any level of government of the United Kingdom before the conclusion of the detailed mandatory constitutional process outlined above.

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