

PROPOSAL FOR A RESOLUTION [1.4] OF THE UEF FEDERAL COMMITTEE ON EXITING BREXIT

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- 1 The UEF Federal Committee, meeting in Berlin on 22 April 2018,
- 2 Calls on the leaders of the UK, the European Union and its Member states to avoid Brexit. Our
- 3 common aim should be to join forces to create together a stronger, economically and politically more
- 4 integrated EU. Such an EU can be influential on the world stage and defend our shared values and
- 5 way of life;
- 6 Considering that:
 - 7 - The well-known historian and laureate of the Karlspreis last year Timothy Garton Ash wrote in
 - 8 the Guardian lately: ‘We can stop Brexit. But we will need help from across the channel’;
 - 9 - The world is in a state of increased instability; the global democratic value and rules-based order
 - 10 that served us so well, guaranteeing peace and stability since 1945 is not stable anymore, as the
 - 11 USA is step by step withdrawing from the world stage and China is increasingly powerful. One key
 - 12 question will be who sets and enforces the new rules. If Europe wants to play a role in influencing
 - 13 the new world order it can only be done by a united Europe. An EU without the UK is significantly
 - 14 weaker than with the UK as part of it. At the same time an EU with the UK opposing further
 - 15 integration is not going to stand to the challenges of the future. The best option would be an EU
 - 16 with a UK fully committed to closer economic and political integration and able to achieve
 - 17 (federal) political unity, including in the fields of economy and security. Europe can only play this
 - 18 role if it is united and strengthened; most global issues cannot be dealt with or regulated
 - 19 anymore by individual European countries – whatever their size;
 - 20 - Beyond these global considerations, there are internal reasons to avoid Brexit: the potential
 - 21 economic impact Brexit will have - and some are already evident – both for the UK and for the
 - 22 remaining 27 are serious; furthermore the political stability between Northern Ireland and the
 - 23 Republic of Ireland established by the Good-Friday-Agreement could be jeopardised by the UK
 - 24 leaving the EU;
- 25 Decides that:
 - 26 The secretariat should seek support for this appeal from its national organisations, The Spinelli Group
 - 27 and by the DBB Forum debating Brexit and its impact on 23 April 2018. Furthermore it should be
 - 28 posted in social media to gain broad public support.

AMENDMENTS TO PROPOSAL FOR A RESOLUTION 1.4.

No amendments were tabled for this resolution.