

PROPOSAL FOR A RESOLUTION [1.3] OF THE UEF FEDERAL COMMITTEE "THE DOOR OF THE EUROPEAN UNION SHOULD REMAIN OPEN TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AFTER BREXIT"

Submitted by UEF France

1 **Resolution adopted by UEF-France's Steering Committee on 10 March 2019 in Lyon,**

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

4 The Union of European Federalists:

5 1. Recalls that, in a statement issued shortly after the consultative referendum which gave
6 a majority to the option of withdrawal from the European Union, it called for the principle
7 to respect the vote of British citizens¹ and for the rapid implementation of an orderly exit,
8 so that the European Union could quickly focus on its necessary reform;

9 2. Regrets, however, the conditions under which the referendum was held: a poorly
10 informed or even misinformed public; proven interference by foreign powers; a campaign
11 masking the real consequences of the proposed decision; and finally, the exclusion of part
12 of the electorate, in particular British residents of a European Union country;

13 3. Admires the tremendous mobilization of the British opposed to this fateful decision,
14 before and since the referendum;

15 4. Reaffirms that the choice of withdrawal from the European Union is disastrous for the
16 citizens of the United Kingdom and denounces the irresponsibility of a British political
17 establishment which, by nationalist ideology or political tactics, has mainly encouraged
18 and accompanied this choice, and then aggravated its consequences by rejecting the
19 balanced agreement negotiated with the European Union for an orderly exit;

20 5. Reaffirms its requirement that European citizenship should become an acquired right of
21 each individual European, independent of the citizenship of a Member State, so that one
22 cannot be deprived of European citizenship by a Member State that decides to leave the
23 Union as it may happen today.

24 As a result, UEF:

25 1. Calls on the institutions of the European Union and the governments of its 27 Member
26 States to do their utmost, possibly unilaterally if necessary, in the absence of a common
27 solution, to minimise the human consequences of Brexit and to minimise their impact on
28 the personal situation of Europeans, including the British, particularly those currently
29 residing in another Member State of the Union;

30 2. Calls for accession to the European Union to remain open at all times to the peoples of
31 the United Kingdom, provided that any candidate State accepts all the *acquis*
32 *communautaire* and the content of the Treaties, in particular the single currency (the
33 euro) and the agreements governing free movement ("Schengen", etc.), and that it
34 adheres to the spirit of the European integration project, in particular the values and
35 federal vocation of the European Union.

36 Brexit only has to mean goodbye for now.

¹ <https://www.uef.fr/le-brexit-c-est-maintenant>

AMENDMENTS TO PROPOSAL FOR A RESOLUTION 1.3

Amendment n.	1	<i>submitted by Leonie Martin</i>
Line number(s):	Line 1	
Original text		Amended text
Resolution adopted by UEF-France's Steering Committee on 10 March 2019 in Lyon,		<i>delete</i>
Explanatory statement (optional):	It's not necessary to recall where the resolution is originally from, as it is set to be adopted by UEF at European level.	

Amendment n.	2	<i>submitted by Leonie Martin</i>
Line number(s):	Lines 2-3	
Original text		Amended text
The United Kingdom, unless its Parliament changes its position at the last minute, will leave the European Union on 29 March 2019 at midnight.		The United Kingdom [<i>, unless its Parliament changes its position at the last minute,</i>][<i>will leave/left</i>] the European Union on [<i>XX April/May/...</i>] 2019 at midnight.
Explanatory statement (optional):	The exact date is at present uncertain. Adapt date accordingly once it has been settled, after the European Council extraordinary meeting of April 10, 2019.	

Amendment n.	3	<i>submitted by UEF France</i>
Line number(s):	Line 3	
Original text		Amended text
The United Kingdom, unless its Parliament changes its position at the last minute, will leave the European Union on 29 March 2019 at midnight.		Option 1) As a consequence of the 2016 referendum , the United Kingdom should leave the European Union on 12 April 2019 at midnight, unless its representatives change their position at the last minute. Option 2) As a consequence of the 2016 referendum , the United Kingdom should leave the European Union, unless its representatives change their position at the last minute.

Explanatory statement (optional):	It is needed to adapt the date according to the last news. It may be further changed before/after the FC. That's why another option could be not to mention any day.
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Amendment n.	4	<i>submitted by Leonie Martin</i>
Line number(s):	Lines 5-8	
Original text		Amended text
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 ² and for the rapid implementation of an orderly exit, so that the European Union could quickly focus on its necessary reform;		A. <i>Recalling</i> that it called 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;
Explanatory statement (optional):	Align to UEF Europe position on the issue.	

Amendment n.	5	<i>submitted by Leonie Martin</i>
Line number(s):	Lines 9-12	
Original text		Amended text
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;		B. <i>Doubting the legitimacy of a simple majority vote in a one-off referendum as a decisive vote on a matter as consequential as membership in the European Union and regrets</i> 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;
Explanatory statement (optional):	Referenda are not suited for complex issues as a membership to the EU	

²<https://www.uef.fr/le-brexite-c-est-maintenant>

Amendment n.	6	<i>submitted by Leonie Martin</i>
Line number(s):	Lines 13-14	
Original text		Amended text
3. Admires the tremendous mobilization of the British opposed to this fateful decision, before and since the referendum;		C. <i>Standing in solidarity with those actors in British civil society who</i> opposed this fateful decision, before and since the referendum;
Explanatory statement (optional):		

Amendment n.	7	<i>submitted by Leonie Martin</i>
Line number(s):	Lines 15-19	
Original text		Amended text
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;		D. <i>Reaffirming</i> that the choice of withdrawal from the European Union <i>has</i> disastrous <i>human and economic consequences</i> for the citizens of the United Kingdom E. <i>Denouncing</i> the irresponsibility of <i>the</i> 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;
Explanatory statement (optional):		

Amendment n.	8	<i>submitted by Leonie Martin</i>
Line number(s):	Lines 20-23	
Original text		Amended text
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.		F. <i>Reaffirming that citizenship rights once granted cannot be revoked and insists that European citizens having exercised their right to freedom of movement and establishment shall be allowed to continue to exercise those</i>

	<i>rights after a possible departure of the United Kingdom</i>
Explanatory statement (optional):	

Amendment n.	9	<i>submitted by Leonie Martin</i>
Line number(s):	Lines 25-29	
Original text		Amended text
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;		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 <i>demands that the rights of UK citizens currently established in the EU and EU citizens currently established in the UK must be maintained;</i>
Explanatory statement (optional):		

Amendment n.	10	<i>submitted by Leonie Martin</i>
Line number(s):	After line 29	
Original text		Amended text
(new)		<i>1 (bis). Supports the idea of a second referendum on the final Brexit deal agreed by the British government and would support the "Remain" campaign in any such referendum;</i>
Explanatory statement (optional):		

Amendment n.	11	<i>submitted by Leonie Martin</i>
Line number(s):	After line 29	
Original text		Amended text

(new)	1 (ter). Urges the United Kingdom to respect the Good Friday Agreement and therefore demands both parties to commit to maintaining an open border between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. If no deal is reached, the backstop must apply so to leave Northern Ireland in the Customs Union and the single market in order to prevent friction at the border with Ireland and to safeguard peace in the region;
Explanatory statement (optional):	Safeguarding peace in Northern Ireland has been a priority luckily for both the UK and the Commission. As the balance in the area continues to be fragile, we should make sure that, even in a no deal scenario, a hard border is avoided.

Amendment n.	12	<i>submitted by Leonie Martin</i>
Line number(s):	After line 29	
	Original text	Amended text
(new)		1 (quater). Stresses that, if the United Kingdom decides to revoke Art. 50 following the ECJ Wightman judgement to remain in the European Union, it must be ready to commit fully to the European project by respecting all the <i>acquis communautaire</i>, refraining from restraining willing Member States' pursuit of further integration, and respecting the principle of sincere cooperation;
Explanatory statement (optional):		

Amendment n.	13	<i>submitted by Leonie Martin</i>
Line number(s):	Lines 30-35	
	Original text	Amended text
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 <i>acquis communautaire</i> 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	2. Calls for accession to the European Union to remain open at all times to the constituent countries of the United Kingdom, provided that any candidate State accepts all the <i>acquis communautaire</i> and the content of the Treaties, in particular the single currency (the euro) and the agreements governing

integration project, in particular the values and federal vocation of the European Union.	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;
Explanatory statement (optional):	

Amendment n.	14	<i>submitted by Leonie Martin</i>
Line number(s):	After line 35	
	Original text	Amended text
(new)		<i>2 (bis). Reminds, however, that a return to the EU of the UK as a full Member State that is deeply reluctant to agree to the principles of "ever closer Union" requires serious steps towards a model of differentiated integration, allowing those Member States who are willing to proceed to a political Union without being held back by laggards.</i>
Explanatory statement (optional):		

Amendment n.	15	<i>submitted by Leonie Martin</i>
Line number(s):	Line 36	
	Original text	Amended text
	Brexit only has to mean goodbye for now.	<i>Delete</i>
Explanatory statement (optional):	The tone is too close to that of a press statement, than that of a policy resolution.	