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2 | **terms of the UK exit deal**

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5 | ~~While respecting the decision of the British voters (by a small majority) to leave the EU~~
6 | ~~resulting from the referendum, the European Green Party continues to regret it. The~~
7 | ~~European Green Party continues to regret the decision of British voters (by a small majority) to~~
8 | ~~leave the EU.~~ We believe that this decision will have profound negative consequences on the
9 | populations of England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and Gibraltar, including the potential impacts and
10 | negative consequences of an EU/non-EU border in the latter two cases.

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12 | The EGP notes the poor quality of debate during the European referendum campaign and the
13 | consequent chaotic nature of the UK government's negotiating strategy with the EU. The lack of
14 | leadership and the astonishing failures in terms of lack of information and transparency, towards
15 | both its own population and its partners in the EU is deeply disappointing. The continuing refusal to
16 | make public the content of detailed studies into the impact of Brexit is also a cause for concern.

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18 | The EGP deplores the UK government's refusal to unequivocally guarantee meaningful protection
19 | from the outset for EU citizens in the UK, as well as for UK citizens in the EU. We condemn the use
20 | of these citizens as bargaining chips in the negotiations.

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22 | The growing climate of mistrust, division and xenophobia in the UK is also deeply concerning and
23 | there must be far greater action on the part of the UK government to condemn hate crime and
24 | tackle all forms of racism, whether from politicians, the press or individuals.

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26 | The EGP calls on the UK government to take action to protect communities made vulnerable by the
27 | vote, acknowledging that the vote has impacted both EU and non-EU citizens, and to celebrate the
28 | contributions they have made to the UK.

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30 | The EGP supports the position that there now needs to be a public vote on the terms of the UK
31 | leaving the EU through a ratification referendum. At the end of the negotiations and before the
32 | UK withdrawal from the EU become legally effective, the UK citizens must be able to
33 | democratically make a choice between the proposed deal or continued membership of the
34 | EU. ~~The UK population must be able to make an informed decision between two possible futures:~~
35 | ~~Brexit as defined by the exit negotiations, or continued membership of the EU.~~

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37 | The EGP calls on the UK government to guarantee a ratification referendum – a first referendum
38 | on the terms of Brexit. This will give the people of the UK more, not less, democracy and must be
39 | carried out in an environment that is open, honest and transparent.