



Plenary sitting

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

to wind up the debate on the statements by the Council and the Commission

pursuant to Rule 123(2) of the Rules of Procedure

on the decision to leave the EU resulting from the UK referendum
(2016/2800(RSP))

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**European Parliament resolution on the decision to leave the EU resulting from the UK referendum
(2016/2800(RSP))**

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 123(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- 1. Takes note of the wish of the citizens of the United Kingdom to leave the EU; points out that the will expressed by the people must be entirely and fully respected, starting with the immediate activation of Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU);
- 2. Stresses that this is a critical moment for the EU: the interests and expectations of the Union's citizens must be brought back to the centre of the debate; the European project must be relaunched now;
- 3. Stresses that the will of the citizens of the United Kingdom should be respected via a swift and coherent implementation of the withdrawal procedure;
- 4. Points out that negotiations under Article 50 TEU concerning the UK's withdrawal from the EU must begin as soon as formal notification has been communicated;
- 5. Warns that in order to prevent damaging uncertainty for everyone and to protect the Union's integrity, the notification stipulated in Article 50 TEU must take place immediately; consequently asks the UK Prime Minister to notify the outcome of the referendum to the European Council of 28-29 June; this notification will launch the withdrawal procedure;
- 6. Recalls that the settlement agreed by the heads of state or government in February 2016 stipulated that it would only enter into force if the UK decided to stay in the EU; it is therefore null and void;
- 7. Recalls that any new relationship between the UK and the EU may not be agreed before the conclusion of the withdrawal agreement;
- 8. Recalls that the consent of the European Parliament is required under the Treaties, and that it must be fully involved at all stages of the various procedures concerning the withdrawal agreement and any future relationship;
- 9. Invites the Council to appoint the Commission as negotiator on Article 50 TEU;
- 10. Stresses that the current challenges require reflection on the future of the EU: there is a need to reform the Union and make it better and more democratic; notes that while some Member States may choose to integrate more slowly or to a lesser extent, the core of the EU must be reinforced and à la carte solutions should be avoided; considers that the need to promote our common values, provide stability, social justice, sustainability, growth and jobs, overcome persistent economic and social uncertainty, protect citizens and address the challenge of migration requires developing and

democratising, in particular, the Economic and Monetary Union and the area of freedom, security and justice, as well as strengthening the common foreign and security policy; considers therefore that the reforms must result in a Union which delivers what citizens expect;

11. Calls for a roadmap for a better Union based on exploiting the Lisbon Treaty to the full, to be completed by a Treaty revision;
12. Indicates that Parliament's contribution to this reform will be based in particular on its reports on improving the functioning of the European Union building on the potential of the Lisbon Treaty, on budgetary capacity for the Eurozone and on possible evolutions and adjustments of the current institutional set-up of the European Union;
13. Will enact changes in its internal organisation to reflect the will of the citizens of the United Kingdom to withdraw from the European Union;
14. Calls on the President of the Commission to reallocate the portfolio of the UK Commissioner with immediate effect;
15. Calls on the Council to change the order of its Presidencies to prevent the process of withdrawal from jeopardising the management of the day-to-day business of the Union;
16. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the European Council, the Council, the Commission, the European Central Bank, the national parliaments and the Government of the UK.