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*Plenary sitting*

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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 123(2) of the Rules of Procedure and the Framework Agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the Commission

on the consequences from the result of the UK referendum to leave the EU

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## **Resolution of the European Parliament on the consequences from the result of the UK referendum to leave the EU**

The European Parliament,

1. takes note of the will of the British citizens' wish to leave the EU; points out that the will expressed by the people needs to be entirely and fully respected, starting with an immediate activation of Article 50 TEU;
2. stresses that this is a crucial 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 re-launched now;
3. stresses that the will of the British citizens should be respected with 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 once the formal notification has been communicated;
5. warns that to prevent damaging uncertainty for everyone and in order 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 heads of state or government in February stipulated that it would only enter into force if the UK decided to stay in the EU; it is therefore null and void;
7. reminds that any new relationship between the UK and the EU may not be agreed before the conclusion of the withdrawal agreement;
8. reminds that the consent of the European Parliament is required under the Treaties; the European Parliament 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 European Commission as negotiator on Article 50 TEU;
10. underlines that the current challenges require a reflection on the future of the EU; there is the need to reform the Union and make it better and more democratic; notes that whereas some may choose to integrate more slowly or to a lesser extent, the core of the EU must be reinforced and a la carte solutions should be avoided; considers that the need to promote our common values, provide stability, sustainable 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 policies; 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 be completed by a Treaty revision;

12. indicates that the European Parliament's contribution to this reform will be based in particular on the Reports on *Improving the functioning of the European Union building on the potential of the Lisbon Treaty* and on a *Budgetary capacity for the Eurozone* and on the report 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 UK citizens to withdraw from the European Union;
14. calls on the President of the European 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 jeopardizing 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 and the European Central Bank, the national parliaments, and the government of the UK.