



## RESOLUTION:

### **BREXIT**

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#### **Acknowledging that:**

- On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, 51.9% of the British voters voted in favour of Brexit; that is the exit of the United Kingdom from the European Union;
- Guy Verhofstadt has been appointed to lead the negotiations between the European Union and the United Kingdom, on behalf of the European Parliament;
- Dier Seeuws has been appointed to lead the negotiations between the European Union and the United Kingdom, on behalf of the European Council;
- Michel Barnier has been appointed to lead the negotiations between the European Union and the United Kingdom, on behalf of the European Commission;
- British Prime Minister Theresa May has been unclear as to when the United Kingdom will invoke Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty, thus starting the resignation process.

#### **Recognizing that:**

- The first matter of importance is the interests of the European Union;
- A growing number of countries have popular anti-European parties (such as France and the Netherlands) that are aiming for a similar referendum on a Frexit of Nexit;
- Brexit and the uncertainties it has caused will have negative effects on economic stability and growth.

**YEPP calls on:**

- The EU Institutions and the Member States to require the freedom of movement when affirming UK access to the European internal market;
- The EU Institutions and the Member States to ensure that the United Kingdom will not receive more exceptions than the EEA countries, such as Norway, when staying part of the Single European Market;
- The European Commission to work with the British government to facilitate the triggering of Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty;
- The EU Institutions and the Member States to consider the implications of Brexit on Northern Ireland and Scotland whose people overwhelmingly voted in favour of remaining in the European Union;
- The EU Institutions and the Member States to prioritise the status and welfare of any EU citizens living in the UK during all and any Brexit negotiations.