



## 12 Brexit organisations urge Boris Johnson to finish the job

**If the Prime Minister is serious about trade talks being over,  
what better time to announce that the Withdrawal Treaty is null and void?**

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Dear Prime Minister,

We applaud your statement on Friday following the EU Council meeting, making it clear that the EU has failed to engage in meaningful trade talks with the United Kingdom based on what the EU has agreed with other countries.

As you said:

*“... from the outset we were totally clear that we wanted nothing more complicated than a Canada-style relationship, based on friendship and free trade. To judge by the latest EU summit in Brussels that won't work for our EU partners. They want the continued ability to control our legislative freedom, our fisheries, in a way that is obviously unacceptable to an independent country.*

*“... And given that they have refused to negotiate seriously for much of the last few months, and given that this summit appears explicitly to rule out a Canada-style deal, I have concluded that we should get ready for January 1 with arrangements that are more like Australia's based on simple principles of global free trade.”*

### **Please act now, Prime Minister**

On this basis, we now urge you to act to rescind and void the Withdrawal Agreement in order to complete the process. The reasons are simple and compelling.

- The United Kingdom as a state has never needed the EU's permission to leave it and has always retained its sovereign right to withdraw from the EU.
- When the UK exercised its right to leave, it participated in the WA process on the basis of an essential condition: the EU would act in good faith to agree a future permanent arrangement that enshrines UK sovereignty and secures a Free Trade Agreement.
- The Northern Ireland Protocol and other aspects of the WA are incompatible with the agreement intended for the end of 2020.
- The EU has been acting in breach of a material term of the WA, meaning that the treaty was entered into on a false premise.

- The Northern Ireland Protocol's backdoor control of UK state aid and tax is in contravention of the UN principles that protect the rights of the whole UK to self-determination.
- The EU27 are in breach of duties contained in the UN Charter and UN Resolution 2625 to respect self-determination, equality between states and to act in good faith.
- The UK must now exercise its right to void the WA obligations.
- The UK must subsequently pass an Act of Parliament superseding the Withdrawal Agreement, in line with Parliamentary Sovereignty under Section 38 of the Withdrawal Agreement Act 2020.

### Next steps

Prime Minister, you have robustly declared that the EU seems uninterested in a normal trade deal. In this event, we urge you to:

1. Announce that the Withdrawal Agreement and Protocol shall no longer have any legal force, with effect from 1st January 2021.
2. Implement alternative arrangements for the north-south border on the island of Ireland within the framework of the Good Friday Agreement, from the end of 2020, to ensure there is no need for the British government to impose a hard border.
3. Cease to make payments to the EU under the WA provisions.
4. Demand the UK's proper share of the European Investment Bank.
5. Unilaterally grant favourable treatment to EU citizens resident in the UK in a manner consistent with the UK's legal framework

Since the UK electorate voted to leave the European Union, it is now time for this process to be clear to the public of the United Kingdom and the EU27 countries. If the EU will not negotiate any kind of normal trade deal with the UK (which they have said they won't), then the United Kingdom must stand tall and go forward with its head held high into the world.

**To reiterate:** The United Kingdom Government must now rescind and void the Withdrawal Agreement on the basis of the breach by the European Union. Anything else would be a betrayal of democracy, sovereignty, and international law.

The above is all supported by expert legal opinion, and we trust that you will act accordingly, Prime Minister.

Sincerely,

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