

# A DECLARATION

## BY BRITISH CITIZENS

ON DEMOCRACY AND SELF-DETERMINATION AFTER LEAVING

# The European Union

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**W**e equal citizens of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, moved by the democratic spirit which has animated the life, constitution and laws of our nations, address Her Majesty the Queen, her Justices, her Government, and the Members of both Houses of Parliament.

On 23 June 2016, the British people by their decision instructed the Government to leave the European Union. Despite difficulties and delay, this has been enacted since 31 January 2020. We congratulate those who worked to achieve this admitting that all just power derives from the wishes of the people.

We congratulate those who upheld our democratic constitution amid great challenges. And whereas democracy requires debate, differences, and rejection of alternatives, we congratulate those who, initially disagreeing, have respected the decision made to recover the right of self-determination for our family of nations.

A most powerful reason for leaving the European Union was that its constitution was contrary to a healthy national democracy. Our laws were subject to a foreign court. The Government was not governing our borders, our seas, our farmlands, our natural environment, our energy supplies, our corporations, our industries, our markets, our regulation of finance, our employments. Democratic accountability in public offices was broken. This was detrimental to the balance of our economy, the spread of prosperity, the unity of our peoples, trust in government, and the promotion of policies in the national interest.

The decision to leave the European Union was not only a wish to reform our international relations. It also signified a desire to reform domestic institutions that promoted subordination to external direction. Power and influence were wrongly exercised to suppress restoration of self-government and even the idea that such a decision was reasonable and practical.

We the people of the United Kingdom confidently expect that in this resolution we will be joined by Her Majesty the Queen, her Justices, her Government, the members of both Houses of Parliament, and those who may succeed them in these offices, to restore and preserve to our nations these ordinary sovereign rights:

- 1) Full control of the power to make and unmake our own domestic laws through Parliament and the devolved Assemblies without restraint of any treaty or international agreement that cannot be revoked without undue delay.
- 2) The supremacy of the laws of England and Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland in their own jurisdictions giving no foreign or international court final authority over what is lawful within the territories of the United Kingdom.
- 3) Full control of our international trade and tariff schedules, our farming and fisheries policies, our regional policies, our environmental policies, our employment and social policies, and all others lately outsourced to the European Union.
- 4) Full control of our own laws of citizenship, the management of our borders and migration policies.

And that it is further resolved by all of us that this restoration of popular sovereign rights should be carried on in a manner which:

- 5) Strengthens the democratic accountability of our public offices, securing genuine consent to, understanding of, and respect for our laws, taking direct instruction from the people as often as is practical and consistent with good government;
- 6) Maintains customary freedoms and civic rights including freedom of expression, association, religion, and thought;
- 7) Promotes the unity of our diverse (but not divided) peoples, and their security, health, wealth, and happiness;
- 8) Is guided by the national interest duly discounting the counsel of those whose loyalty and interests lie elsewhere; and
- 9) Builds friendship with other nations, especially those of the Commonwealth, and all other nations which share our commitment to democracy and the just rule of law.

**Signed by *British Citizens***

(Originally signed at Stockport, Twenty-Ninth-Day of February, 2020)