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BREXIT: Time to strengthen our solidarity

The referendum held on June 23 was decisive: the « [new settlement](#) » achieved by Mr. Cameron to bypass the application of the Union's common rules, far from convincing the British people to remain, pushed them to the 'purest' out of two options of leaving altogether.

The British Government has not yet triggered the [Article 50 of the TEU](#) procedure for withdrawing from the Union. Once it will have done so, negotiations between the UK and the EU will have to be concluded within two years.

In this very uncomfortable situation for Europe, for its Public Service and for our British colleagues in particular, **rather than sending out a signal of 'every man for himself', we call on you to strengthen our solidarity.**

It is precisely the 'every man for himself' principle, in other words the lack of solidarity, that brought us up to this. It is austerity policies which undermine society and make it vulnerable to the lure of populists, who thus find it easy to divert social insecurity into fear of immigrants.

Besides, our European Public Service has not been spared austerity policies, also through by-passing social dialogue.

There is therefore no question for our British colleagues to pay, because of their nationality, the bill for the political aberrations of the European institutions or national governments as a whole.

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