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### **UK as a Vassal State**

-A comprehensive bespoke EU and UK trading arrangement will not be signed off in time for Brexit Day on 29th March 2019. This means we are left with only two alternatives. That is leaving the EU without any comprehensive deal or else some sort of transitional arrangement.

Whilst the Government has wisely chosen to try to steer clear of CRASHING OUT and the EU has expressed its willingness to consider the latter, its current terms for the transitional arrangement for the UK are most unsatisfactory and, in our opinion, must be rejected out of hand.

A CRASH OUT seems a real possibility.

Please see the pamphlet in Leaflets and Publications section of concordanceout.eu. See page 6 where it states that the UK must accept all EU legislation during the transition stage of whatever type and of whatsoever wording. The Laws in the UK including rules of any type could be draconian and unilaterally amended by the EU to the sole detriment of the UK! We will become, in other words, a passive recipient of anything the EU may wish to impose on us.

### **Trade**

The EU's terms for an UK transitional agreement would result in the UK suffering all the disadvantages of EU Membership whilst at the same time losing out on all benefits of free trade with the countries with which the EU had negotiated a trade deal. This is absurd and cretinous or as Mr Rees-Mogg has assessed: it is akin to being a vassal state.

### **Fisheries, Defence and Criminal Justice [for example]**

These three areas are studied in excellent outline in the pamphlet. These issues are not repeated here as the reader is urged to read the short and well researched and written pamphlet. **However, there is serious and vital sovereign concern about the continuing legal \*enforceability after the transitional arrangements of the "no-longer-short-term transitional terms".**

To summarise the potential problem says the CIB: "If we have signed a treaty with the EU which covers only a transitional arrangement for our departure, we cannot just assume that the starting point for negotiating a longer-term relationship will be a clean sheet of paper. Concessions made during any transition period may not be easy to rescind unilaterally by the UK because of the provisions of the **\*Vienna Convention on the Ratification of Treaties**. The EU can **blackmail** the UK yet again.

it is vital that such decisions are solely in the hands of UK politicians and voters and not constrained by the European Union in any way.

**There is a better option for a transitional arrangement. The Market Solution\*\***

However, as a holding position, there is the Market Solution or **amended Norway model**. Whereby the UK would re-join EFTA, the European Free Trade Association, and thereby access the Single Market via the European Economic Area (EEA) Agreement (which is an agreement between the EU and three of the four EFTA nations). This would require some re-negotiations and a revised EFTA Treaty, but it would be a vast improvement on the EU's terms for a transitional agreement. There is just time if there is a political will within

the UK and Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein. Switzerland is not in the EEA. A Swiss agreement is not on offer. No EFTA country is in the EU Customs Union. It is not necessary for them.

The reality is that Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein enjoy mutual recognition agreements [MRA's] with and tariff-free access to the Single Market. The UK proposes to be in Regulatory Alignment with the EU in any event until true BREXIT, and therefore this Market Solution is the only effective route that will avoid a UK CRASH OUT. Mrs May's ill thought out misleading ideas will achieve nothing beneficial for the UK, merely a disaster. EFTA would also solve the recognition issues of the British Standards Institute [BSI] as well as the forlorn future of the UK NOBO's [Notifiable Bodies].\*\*\* Then Aircraft can fly as well.\*\*\*\*

The Four Freedoms *in theory* would be applicable with both the Vassal State idea and the Market Solution; except that *in reality* restrictions on immigration from EU states can be imposed on specific security and National Interest grounds. Restrictions on free movement of capital can be applied too, as Iceland did on free movement of capital following its banking crisis of 2008-11. In other words, for non-EI member states, the four freedoms are not as indivisible as M. Barnier would have us believe.

**\* Vienna Convention on the Ratification of Treaties.**

\*\* Please see the entire work "The Market Solution" on Dr Richard North well informed web site EUReferendum.com. Dr Richard North is co-author, with Christopher Booker, of The Great Deception - the definitive history of the EU - and before that co-author of two other books on EU-related matters.

\*\*\* Please see the article by Edward Spalton in concordanceout.eu under "Articles".

\*\*\*\* Please see the article on "What does no deal mean" in concordanceout.eu under "Articles."