

# Action for Europe

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Dear Member of the European Parliament

## **CAN THE EU CANCEL THE BREXIT PROCESS - IF IT WISHES?**

We attach a paper which outlines a possible legal basis for the EU to unilaterally cancel the 'Brexit' process, by declaration that the Notice served by Theresa May on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019 was unlawful.

Unilateral rejection of May's notice may seem like an incredibly radical idea, but we are living in unprecedented times. An unelected PM behaving like a dictator. Threats of No Deal. No payment. Prorogation of Parliament. £100 million being spent on propaganda. £6 billion wasted on No Deal preparations which may turn out to be an expensive bluff. Vast powers given to the unelected Dominic Cummings. Michael Gove doctoring reports, and may choose to ignore the law.... Who would have imagined it?

And if the Sun and Mail protest who will care? Last weekend, there were hundreds of thousands on the streets to protest at Boris Johnson's flagrant abuse of our democratic traditions. There will be millions marching on October 19<sup>th</sup>. We doubt that the opposite camp could muster more than a few hundred protesters.

## **Boris Johnson is playing hard ball. Taking radical steps. Why should the EU not do the same?**

All that will be required if the EU were to take this hard but strictly legal line is that the current PM (whoever that might be) undertakes proper assessments and formal consultations before deciding whether to serve a fresh Notice. The rule of law will prevail.

We urge you to seriously consider this proposition, to seek legal advice within the EU, and to seek means to debate it in the EU Parliament. Time is short.

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