

The Rt Hon Theresa May MP
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Dear Prime Minister

BREXIT – DISORDERLY EXIT FROM THE EU NOT IN GUERNSEY'S INTERESTS

As you know, the Bailiwick of Guernsey comprises three jurisdictions, each of which are territories or dominions in Her Majesty's realm, for which the government of the United Kingdom has no jurisdiction concerning their domestic affairs. The islands of the Bailiwick each have their own autonomous legislatures, executives and judiciaries. We have no representation in the UK's Houses of Parliament and we do not seek to change that. However, due to our historic and special relationship with the Crown, the UK government does have responsibilities to represent the interests of the Bailiwick internationally, even where those interests differ from those of the UK. This means that we are directly affected by whatever decision is made by the UK Government or Parliament.

I know that your government takes seriously its responsibility to represent our interests on the international plane, in accordance with the international identity framework which exists between Guernsey and the UK, agreed more than 10 years ago. As the present phase of the Brexit process enters its final stages, I thought it would be helpful if I wrote again to reiterate Guernsey's position to enable you to better discharge that responsibility to represent us. I appreciate your earlier reassurances that, throughout the process of leaving the EU, the UK will ensure that its actions are compatible with the existing constitutional relationship with the Bailiwick of Guernsey.

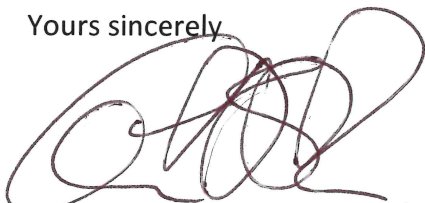
Further to my letter of 25 September 2018, I reaffirm that the position of the government of Guernsey remains that a UK exit from the EU without a withdrawal agreement would be disorderly and would not, therefore, be in our interests. Guernsey's interests would be served best by an agreed position which would allow for an orderly exit for the UK, the EU and its Member States.

In the meantime, of necessity, the government of Guernsey will continue to plan for all possible outcomes of the Brexit process. Our planning will be assisted by the extension of

the United Kingdom's membership of the World Trade Organization (WTO) to Guernsey and we also continue to work towards that goal with the Department for International Trade. This will form an important part of our global trading relationships for a number of Bailiwick businesses that will need to adjust to the UK's exit from the EU, particularly in the event of a no-deal scenario. We continue to work closely with the Cabinet Office and Ministry of Justice to ensure that our domestic contingency plans are aligned to the UK's own planning.

In light of the ongoing public interest in this matter, I intend to publish this letter and your reply for the benefit of Guernsey's community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Deputy Gavin St Pier

Chief Minister of Guernsey/ *Le Prumier de Giernes*

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