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## **Consolidation of science and research collaborations between the United Kingdom and the other European countries**

At a moment where the futures of Europe and of the United Kingdom are subject to considerable uncertainty, the three Academies of sciences of Germany, France and United Kingdom, namely the Leopoldina, the French Academy of sciences and the Royal Society, are reaffirming their confidence in the unity of science and scientific research in all Europe. The three academies wish to underline the need for continuous collaboration, mobility and exchanges of ideas among scientists in all European countries.

Collaborations and communications are foundations of scientific discoveries and are the essential driving forces for the progress of knowledge and the advancement of applications. Mobility of scientists and cooperation have been essential to the development of science in the past and this has fed much of the progress in technologies, engineering and health and all applications that are vital to our societies and economies.

The academies consider that:

- It would be a great loss to the other European countries and to the United Kingdom if all joint efforts in the advancement of science were put to a halt. The loss would be devastating in the case of the large scale infrastructures and projects,
- The message of all European countries to the young generation should be a message of hope and openness that should promote the idea that Science is united among our countries and that the future lies in the mutual understanding and joint effort to work at the forefront of research,
- As demonstrated by past experience, the survival of our economies in the fierce worldwide competition can only be founded on an active development of the science base that requires continuous collaborations of our researchers.

The academies express the wish that the UK will continue to participate to essential European research programs.

The academies call upon the governments of the United Kingdom and of the other European countries and upon the European Commission to support the continuity in co-operations and interactions between scientists that are at the root of scientific progress.

All the European countries including the United Kingdom should strive to preserve the integrity and cohesion of the science system in our countries and enhance its research capacity. The academies express the hope that suitable arrangements will be found that will allow the accelerated development of science in all our countries. Science in Europe should have no borders.