Motion 1: Relationship with the EU

LI notes that:
• Brexit has harmed the British economy, leading to a 15% reduction in trade with the European Union, our largest trading partner.
• Our future relationship with Europe is critical to our national security, our ability to rebuild our public services, and our future trading opportunities.
• All potential options, including rejoining the EU, will involve complex negotiations with our European allies, with previous accession talks taking on average nine years.
LI recognises:
• The important motivational role Labour Movement For Europe is having in promoting solidarity throughout labour membership on this fundamental issue for the future of Britain.

LI believes that:
• The Prime Minister is right to say we need a fundamental rethink of our long-term relationship with the EU.
• Brexit threw our country into chaos because its advocates did not know what leaving the European Union would entail and acted with complete disregard to the consequences upon the British economy.
• The British public and our European counterparts must be directly included in the process of forging the future UK-EU relationship and informed in detail upon all topics discussed.
• Rejoining the EU would be better advanced as an election manifesto pledge rather than a referendum.

LI resolves that:
• We appreciate what Government is doing to prepare and communicate in an open, informed and truthful manner, the details of our future relationship with Europe.

• We support the Prime Minister in talks with the EU, to establish realistic options and the terms involved, with every possibility examined, including rejoining the EU itself.

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