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EUROPEAN UNION: THE RIVAL PLANS

In order to have a clear understanding of what the EU referendum is about, here is noted the comparatives of David Cameron's proposals side-by-side with the Leave Alliance's proposals for future UK-EU relations.

Whether or not David Cameron gets the other EU states to agree to any of his proposals, there is overwhelming advantage in the 'Leave Alliance' model which is entitled 'Flexcit'. The full details of Flexcit can be obtained from the websites and addresses below.

This can briefly be described as an initial move to the position of Norway and Iceland with continued participation in the Single Market through membership of EFTA and the EEA. UK relationships with the EU institutions will change from voluntary subordination to a supranational set of institutions to a model of independent countries co-operating inter-governmentally. This is the model of all other countries in the world outside the EU.

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Comparing the proposals of David Cameron and the 'Norway/Iceland' model proposals of The Leave Alliance

| | THE 'CAMERON' MODEL | THE 'FLEXCIT EEA/EFTA' MODEL |
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| Common Foreign and Security Policy | Continued EU control | Return to British control |
| Common Policy on Justice and Home Affairs | Continued EU control | Return to British control |
| EU Economic and Monetary Union (Stages 1 and 2) | Continued EU control | Britain leaves |
| EU Commission | Continues to apply to UK | No role in the UK |
| EU Court of Justice | Continues to apply to UK | No role in the UK |
| Charter of Fundamental Rights | Continues to apply to UK | No role in the UK |
| Customs Union | Continues to apply to UK | UK Controls own Customs |
| Common Trade Policy | Continues to apply to UK | UK Controls its own Trade Policy |
| Common Agricultural Policy | Continues to apply to UK | UK in full control of agricultural policy |
| Common Fisheries Policy | Continues to apply to UK | UK in full control of fisheries policy |
| EU Budget Contributions | Continue and rising | UK contributes only for approved policy, services provided and help for Eastern Europe |
| "Joint and several liability" for EU debts | Continues to apply to UK | No liability |
| Liability for specific debts of EU institutions | Continues to apply to UK | Transitional negotiations followed by no further liability |
| Taxation | Likely to come under some EU control or harmonisation | Sole UK control |
| Four Freedoms | EU interpretation by ECJ continues to apply to UK | UK upholds the Four Freedoms subject to EEA provisions including the Safeguard clauses Article 112 and 113 |
| Single Market and associated provisions | Continue to apply to UK. Justiciable in ECJ | Continue to apply to UK. Justiciable in EFTA Court |
| Ever closer union | Possibly no longer applies to UK | Irrelevant to UK after leaving |
| Protection for non-eurozone countries | Possible new provisions | Irrelevant to UK after leaving |
| Group of national Parliament having some voice in EU law | Possible new provisions | Irrelevant to UK after leaving |
| Minor controls on benefits for EU migrants | Possible new restrictions | Subject to provisions of EEA and immigration to the Safeguard Clauses of EEA agreement, Articles 112 and 113. |
| Existing EU acquis (all laws passed by the EU) up to withdrawal of UK | All existing EU laws and all future EU laws will apply to UK | Repatriation of the existing acquis to the UK with the UK able to repeal unwanted EU laws. No further EU laws to be applicable to the UK |

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