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ECIPE Experts on the UK Referendum

Brussels, Belgium, 22nd June 2016 - In less than 48 hours, the results of the British referendum will be announced. The outcome might throw the UK and Europe into economic and political crises, and whatever people have been opining about Brexit, it would profoundly change the economic relations between the UK and the rest of the European Union. But what about Remain – will it lead to business as usual in EU politics?

ECIPE's team of EU and trade policy experts is available to provide comments and opinions on the future of the trade relation between the two partners. We follow Europe's trade and economic policy – and can give comments on trade, economic and political aspects of the referendum result.

Roderick Abbott comments in Politico: "In the U.K., people are saying, 'we can trade with everyone, we can make our own agreements with the rest of the world.' But it is not an advantage. [The U.K.] will have less bargaining power." [5 options for post-Brexit trade with Europe, Politico EU 8/3/2016]

Fredrik Erixon comments in Reuters: "a UK-China deal [similar to the deal between Switzerland and China signed in 2013] could provide big gains for British exporters and investors but might come at the cost of Britain providing China with privileged status as an investor or more political support. [Brexit and Britain: what would it mean for UK trade?, Reuters 14/03/2016]

Guy de Jonquières writes in Nikkei Asian Review: "The Remain side has campaigned squarely on pocketbook issues, arguing that Brexit would create massive short-term market uncertainty and permanently harm the economy and living standards. Its warnings have been echoed by most independent economists, the Bank of England, an impressive array of international institutions and a long line of foreign leaders headed by U.S. President Barack Obama." [Guy de Jonquières, Elite at bay in Brexit vote, Nikkei Asian Review, 18/06/2016]

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