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Dear Mr Donnelly

**4 Freedoms (UK EPP)
Decision to remove your party from the register of political parties**

On 27 October I wrote to you explaining why the Commission would come to a decision regarding your party name and four descriptions and provided you an opportunity to submit another name and descriptions to replace them.

In your reply letter you queried the legal power that the Commission was using to remove party names from the register of political parties. The Commission is under a duty to register parties under section 28 of the Political Parties, Elections, and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA 2000) unless in its opinion the proposed name falls into any of the categories in section 28(4)(a) to (f). Accordingly, where, in the Commission's opinion a party name falls into any of these categories, the Commission will remove it from the register.

The Commission has now decided that your party name will be removed from the register of political parties for Great Britain, and will put this into effect on 12 January 2015. This also means that your descriptions and emblems will be removed from the register on the same date.

Please note that removal of the party from the register will not have retrospective effect. In your letter you offer, if necessary, to change your name to UK EPP: 4 Freedoms Party. However, given that EPP would constitute 3 words, then irrespective of any other potential considerations the name contains more than the six words allowed under the legislation.

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It is open to your party to submit fresh application(s) for a party name and substitute descriptions. As with all applications we will consider whether they meet the statutory tests in the Political Parties Elections and Referendums Act 2000.

If you decide to do so before 12 January 2014 there will be no fee and your descriptions and emblems although removed from the register will - with the exception of the four descriptions listed below in this letter - be protected. The effect of this will be that if your new party name is approved then these previously approved descriptions and emblems will, if your party wishes, be registered against your new party name.

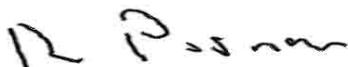
As indicated by our prior correspondence, the following party descriptions are for the reasons given not in compliance with the legislative requirements. They therefore would not be protected for possible restoration to the register of political parties:

- **London and EPP Leading Europe's Future**
- **UK EPP: Britain's Bridge to Europe**
- **Scotland's Voice in Europe's Leading Party**
- **Strong Scotland EPP Leads European Reform**

Whilst this letter will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that the Commission is obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements. The Commission remains willing to discuss any proposals you may have for a party name that would likely meet the statutory tests for registration, enabling such, as well as acceptable descriptions and emblem, to appear on the ballot paper.

Please contact the Party and Election Finance team on 020 7271 0616 or email pef@electoralcommission.org.uk if you wish to so proceed.

Yours sincerely



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