

YES BREIZH

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The Rt Hon Rhun ap Iorwerth MS
First Minister of Wales

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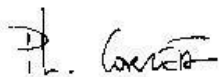
Dear First Minister,

I write as President of Yes Breizh, a Breton civic movement working for the democratic devolution of powers and responsibilities to Brittany. I followed your meeting in Cardiff on 14 September with great interest. Its emphasis on democratic choice resonates with our own work.

Brittany has its own constitutional circumstances and must chart its own course, guided by the expressed will of its people. We seek a devolution shaped in Brittany and agreed with the French Republic. I enclose our statement following the Cardiff meeting, which sets out this position.

I would welcome a direct exchange between Yes Breizh and Plaid Cymru on democratic self-government and practical cooperation between Brittany and Wales. I am also sending the joint letter to you and, separately, to John Swinney, Michelle O'Neill and Mary Lou McDonald.

Yours sincerely,



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In Cardiff, political leaders from Scotland, Wales, and Ireland jointly affirmed a principle that ultimately transcends their individual nations: a people must be able to democratically decide its own future, and no central authority can indefinitely stand in the way of the expression of that will.

This declaration primarily concerns Scotland, Wales, and Ireland. Yet, it cannot leave Brittany indifferent.

It is, in fact, surprising that Brittany was not present—even as an observer—at a meeting of such significance, dedicated to the future of nations with which we share so many historical, cultural, and human ties; neither the so called 'Région Bretagne' nor any of its parliamentary representatives took part.

However, let us avoid making overly simplistic comparisons.

Brittany is neither Scotland, nor Wales, nor Ireland.

It is Brittany.

It has its own history, character, interests, strengths, and weaknesses. Above all, it has its own path to chart a way that belongs to the people of Brittany.

Yes Breizh is not proposing that Bretons adopt a model imported from elsewhere. Nor are we asking them to choose between loyalty to Brittany and belonging to the French Republic.

We propose that they regain control over matters that can and must be decided within Brittany, in order to take action on the issues that directly shape its future: the economy, housing, healthcare, languages, education, energy, the environment, agriculture, maritime affairs, the digital sector, security, and regional planning.

This is what we call devolution.

It is neither a privilege demanded of the State nor a favour to be awaited from it.

It is a modern conception of public responsibility.

For a nation named today a region, that decides almost nothing eventually ceases to be accountable for much of anything.

And a State that claims to decide everything from the centre too often ends up making decisions far removed from reality.

Yet, nothing lasting can be built without the consent of the Breton people themselves.

Devolution cannot simply be decreed. It will not be the work of a single party, organisation, or group of elected officials. It will only possess legitimacy if it stems from the clearly expressed will of the Breton people.

That is why our primary task is to persuade—not through slogans, but through facts; not through mere assertion, but through demonstration.

To explain. To compare. To provide figures. To propose.

To show that a Brittany endowed with new responsibilities is not only possible but can be more efficient, more democratic, and more in control of its own destiny.

It will then be up to Brittany and the French Republic to find, together, the legal and constitutional paths to translate this will into institutional reality.

For a long time, France was built through the concentration of power.

That was its history.

But history does not dictate that the solutions of the past must be repeated indefinitely.

No institutional arrangement is eternal.

No Constitution is intended to freeze history in place.

The 21st century can be an era for a Republic confident enough to trust its constituent parts, strong enough to share responsibilities, and modern enough to recognise that unity does not require uniformity.

Our ambition is not to pit Brittany against France.

It is for Brittany—mindful of its victories and tenacity throughout history, responsible for its actions, and confident in what it can become—to finally play its full part in shaping its own destiny.

Scotland will follow its own path.

Wales will follow its own.

Ireland will follow its own path.

Brittany must now forge its own path.

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