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“Ukraine Plus” as a Model for Brexit

On 17 January 2017, British Prime Minister Theresa May presented a 12-point plan for the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the EU. In a **cepAdhoc**, the Centre for European Policy (cep) has evaluated May’s objectives and believes Brexit negotiations could lead to a "Ukraine Plus Model".

"Ukraine Plus" would entail a comprehensive free trade agreement with restricted free movement which the United Kingdom would pay for with a substantial financial contribution to the EU and cooperation on a common security and defence policy.

"Ukraine Plus" meets four key objectives of the British government: wide access to the EU’s internal market, control over immigration, control over legislation and the possibility to conclude own free trade agreements with third countries.

"Ukraine Plus" is also of interest to the EU. It meets the fiscal and trade-related interests of the EU as a whole, and of Germany and France in particular. However, an absolute requirement will be Britain's credible commitment to cooperation regarding common security and defence policy. This must form a fundamental component of the agreement because only then will the EU be able to present the "Ukraine Plus Model" as a bespoke model for the United Kingdom and thus prevent any imitation by other EU Member States or third countries.

Download the full paper here:

<http://www.cep.eu/en/eu-topics/details/cep/ukraine-plus-als-modell-fuer-den-brexit.html>