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**THE POSITIVE CASE FOR LEAVING THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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**EU TO PUBLISH PLANS FOR JUSTICE TAKEOVER**

**UK GOVERNMENT MUST PLEDGE TO KEEP CONTROL**

The Better Off Out Campaign calls on the Government to pledge that they will keep control of justice and home affairs in the face of an EU takeover. The EU Commission will announce tomorrow its first proposals for removing the veto on matters such as criminal justice, sentencing and court procedure.

Mark Wallace, Better Off Out Campaign Manager, said, "The EU must not be allowed to take control of the criminal justice system in the UK. The people rightly expect the Parliament in Westminster to combat crime and to decide policy on how to keep the peace. For the sake of democracy and accountability, the Government should pledge unconditionally that these powers will be retained. In practical terms, other countries in the EU have a completely different legal system to our own, as well as widely varying crime figures, and any attempt to standardise the system can only lead to dangerous confusion. This would be another step away from effective, appropriate national government and towards a shambolic, undemocratic EU state."

**NOTES FOR EDITORS:**

- 1) Better Off Out is a non-partisan campaign to communicate the positive benefits of leaving the European Union.
- 2) The campaign is supported by ten MPs, Conservative and Labour, and by numerous MEPs, councillors, economists, businessmen, journalists and members of the public.

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