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The European Commission has today put forward new rules to clamp down on the illegal import and trafficking of cultural goods from outside the EU, often linked to terrorist financing and other criminal activity.

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[In Liu Xiaobo the world has lost a fearless champion of human rights and democracy – Emily Thornberry](#)

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Thornberry MP, Labour's Shadow Foreign Secretary, following news of the death of Liu Xiaobo, said:

“In Liu Xiaobo the world has lost a fearless champion of human rights and democracy, whose non-violent campaigning was an inspiration to many millions in China around the world.

“It is tragic and deeply regrettable that he spent so many of his final years in prison, and that as his health deteriorated he was unable to seek medical

treatment overseas or to share his final hours with those closest to him.

“He will be sorely missed, and his courage, compassion and unyielding belief in universal rights will live on.”

[Labour has extended the hand of partnership for a new relationship with Europe – Jeremy Corbyn](#)

Jeremy Corbyn MP, Leader of the Labour Party, following today’s meeting with EU chief negotiator Michel Barnier in Brussels, said:

“I’m pleased to have had a friendly and constructive meeting with Michel Barnier today.

“Keir Starmer, Diane Abbott and I had a frank and informative conversation with the EU’s chief negotiator and exchanged views about how we see the Brexit process working.

“Labour has extended the hand of partnership for a new relationship with Europe and we outlined how our goal of a jobs-first Brexit deal would protect our mutual trading interests.

“We set out Labour’s Brexit priorities in contrast to the race-to-the-bottom tax haven threatened by the Conservatives.

“The General Election result has clearly changed the context for the Brexit talks and means the Government will have to listen to Parliament and will not be able to have it all its own way.

“Labour respects the EU referendum result, and we will be taking every opportunity to try and achieve a Brexit which puts jobs, living standards and environmental protection at its heart.”

Andy McDonald response to Southern Rail fine

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McDonald MP, Labour's Shadow Transport Secretary, responding to the fine given to Southern Rail today, said:

"It has taken over a year for the Transport Secretary to reach this decision. Long-suffering passengers should not have to resort to crowdfunding for legal action to seek accountability, and the Secretary of State should not have to be dragged kicking and screaming by the High Court to do the job he was appointed to do.

"Today's fine is small change compared with the £1.2 billion Govia is paid to run passenger services and, with crucial parts of the Gibb report redacted and a lack of detail on today's decision, the management of the Southern rail fiasco continues to lack transparency.

"Ultimately, the buck stops with the Government. Tory ministers, who designed and awarded the franchise, have been ducking their responsibility for Southern's abysmal service and for directing this unnecessary industrial dispute.

"A Labour government would stand up for the interests of passengers rather than train companies, taking Southern back into public ownership and creating a new body to have strategic oversight for the railway to end the chaos and fragmentation that has plagued Southern."