



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **PASSPORT-ID LINK POSTPONEMENT**

NO2ID Expats' Group, which has active supporters in 39 countries, notes the British government's decision not to link the issuing of passports to the issuing of ID cards and to enrolment on the National Identity Register before 2011-2012. So far, this is only a postponement of plans to make British passport holders hand over control of their identity to the state. Nonetheless, the government back-peddalling is a signal victory for the NO2ID campaign against a database state in the UK. NO2ID Expats' Group calls upon the British government to abandon its plans to introduce ID cards and a National Identity Register.

- *As spending on the ID/passport/National Identity Register scheme spirals, real passport services to British nationals overseas are being cut back. The latest example is a decision to close down UK passport issuing operations in Brussels and move them to the British consular service in Paris. The 30,000-strong British community in Belgium is mobilising. An online petition against the closure (<http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/brusselpassport/>) has so far garnered 2,285 signatures.*

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***NO2ID Expats' Group has active supporters in 39 countries worldwide. It is a branch of the British organisation NO2ID, which is campaigning against the introduction of ID cards and the database state in the UK. NO2ID is backed by a wide range of organisations and political parties. More details on its main website: [www.no2id.net](http://www.no2id.net)***

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