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THE 'MENACE' OF THE POLITICS OF LE PEN

The President of the Party of European Socialists, Robin Cook, today said the defeat of Jean-Marie Le Pen was 'vital for France and for Europe'.

Said Mr Cook: 'The politics of Le Pen are a menace to the European model of social justice and ethnic tolerance. It is vital for France and for Europe that he is defeated.

'One lesson of the first round of the Presidential elections is that division on the Left strengthens the Right. It is now essential that citizens committed to France's long tradition of democracy, brotherhood and equality should unite to defeat Le Pen. The second round will leave no room for any abstention.

'The Party of European Socialists will stand shoulder to shoulder with our French sister party in its campaign to expose the threat posed by Le Pen and to defend the open and tolerant society of France which Le Pen would bring to an end. We pledge our support for a united campaign by the Left in the forthcoming parliamentary elections when we hope again to see the French Socialist Party remain the leading force.'

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