

《双语：苏格兰独立公投 卡梅隆大呼留下来》

David Cameron today issues a highly personal plea to the people of Scotland not to 'rip apart' the United Kingdom.

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The Prime Minister tells Scots that the rest of the UK 'desperately wants you to stay'.

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But he warns there will be no second chances after next week's referendum: 'If the UK breaks apart, it breaks apart for ever.'

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In his passionate defence of the 307-year-old union, he says the UK family of nations has 'punched above its weight for centuries' – and cites as evidence the Industrial Revolution, the abolition of slavery and victory in the First World War.

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Mr Cameron also puts party hostilities aside to back a last-ditch plan unveiled by his former foe Gordon Brown to fast-track new powers for Edinburgh.

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‘Our message to the Scottish people will be simple: We want you to stay,’ he writes. ‘Together, the United Kingdom embodies the values the world looks on with awe and envy.’

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The Prime Minister had not planned to be in Scotland until early next week, when he is expected to make another visit.

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