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*Leading EU figures agree that the Lisbon Treaty is effectively the EU constitution that was agreed by politicians in 2004 but rejected by the people of France and Holland in 2005.*

*Chancellor Angela Merkel (Germany): "The substance of the constitution is preserved. That is a fact".*

*Ex-Taoiseach Bertie Ahern. "90% of it is still there ...these changes haven't made any dramatic change to the substance of what was agreed back in 2004".*

*Ex-President d'Estaing (France): The text is, in fact, a rerun a great part of the substance of the constitutional Treaty*

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**Lisbon:  
A Treaty  
Too Far!**

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# Say No to the Lisbon Treaty

The Lisbon Treaty is the latest step in the relentless pursuit of European Integration.

The Treaty is fundamentally undemocratic. It will copperfasten the powerful position of the Commission. The European Commission is the only EU body with the power to draft laws. It is an unelected and powerful bureaucracy selected without reference to the people.

Lisbon would alter the voting balance in the EU to favour countries with larger populations. It would greatly reduce the areas where our government could veto policy proposals. Ireland would have less than 1% of the votes under the Lisbon Treaty.

The Lisbon Treaty would further reduce the power of our elected and sovereign parliament. Already about 80% of our domestic laws come from the EU. The Lisbon Treaty would give the EU new competence (law-making power), or significantly extend existing competence, in at least 32 new areas. It would broaden current law-making power in 40 other areas.

Lisbon will speed up the creation of an unaccountable European Army, for which Irish taxpayers will have to pay, and in which Irish personnel will be expected to serve outside the control of the UN.

All of the military plans in Lisbon are based on the integration of the EU's forces into NATO - a US dominated military alliance. So, rather than being a balance against the US, the EU will become a cornerstone for US military policy.

The Lisbon Treaty creates an EU Foreign Minister – *the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy*. This will end the possibility of an independent foreign policy and effectively destroy Irish Sovereignty.

The Lisbon Treaty, under the heading *Tradable Services*, strengthens the moves for privatisation and the ravages of multinational corporations in Health, Education, Water Supply, and Local Transport.

The Lisbon Treaty does not give workers any new rights or protections. The *Charter of Fundamental Rights* is a toothless tiger - this is made absolutely clear on Page 157 of the Treaty document itself.

The Lisbon Treaty will make the situation of the developing countries even more desperate. Under Art 188 the EU can "invest" in these countries but trade from these countries into the EU will be restricted or limited by so many "technical rules" as to be impossible.

There are 486,000,000 people in the EU - only Ireland has a referendum. But voters are being kept in the dark. The treaty has not been circulated to the people. We are being asked to buy a pig in a poke.

We reject the scaremongering by Cowen and company as undemocratic bullying. Remember - this treaty has already been rejected by France and Holland. These countries continue to prosper.

Will the EU grind to a halt if Lisbon is rejected? No. The EU will continue on under the Nice Treaty, which only 7 years ago was deemed so vital we had to vote on it twice.

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