Treaty of Lisbon: concerns of the Irish people in the areas of right to life, family, education, taxation and military neutrality. Protocol. Consent to not to convene a Convention

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PURPOSE: amendment of the Treaties in the form of a Protocol on the concerns of the Irish people on the Treaty of Lisbon, to be annexed to the Treaty on the European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union without convening a Convention.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: European Council Decision 2013/106/UE on the examination by a conference of representatives of the governments of the Member States of the amendment to the Treaties proposed by the Irish Government in the form of a Protocol on the concerns of the Irish people on the Treaty of Lisbon, to be annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and not to convene a Convention.

CONTENT: on 18-19 June 2009, the Heads of State or Government of the 27 Member States of the European Union, meeting within the European Council, adopted a Decision on the concerns of the Irish people on the Treaty of Lisbon and declared that, at the time of the conclusion of the next accession Treaty, they would set out the provisions of that Decision in a protocol to be annexed, in accordance with their respective constitutional requirements, to the Treaty on European Union (TEU) and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

The European Council decides that a conference of representatives of the governments of the Member States shall examine the amendments proposed by the Irish Government in the form of a **Protocol on the concerns of the Irish people on the Treaty of Lisbon, to be annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.** In view of the extent of the proposed amendments, a Convention under Article 48(3) of the Treaty on European Union shall not be convened. The Protocol attached to the Decision will constitute the terms of reference of the said conference.

It concerns questions such as: (i) **the right to life, family and education**; (ii) **taxation;** (iii) **security and defence.**

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