

**Draft Protocol on the concerns of the Irish people on the Treaty of Lisbon  
(consent) \*\*\***

**European Parliament decision of 18 April 2012 on the European Council's proposal not to convene a Convention for the addition of a Protocol on the concerns of the Irish people on the Treaty of Lisbon, to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (00092/2011 – C7-0388/2011 – 2011/0816(NLE))**

**(Consent)**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the decision of 19 June 2009 of the Heads of State or Government of the 27 Member States, meeting within the European Council, on the concerns of the Irish people on the Treaty of Lisbon (Annex 1 to the Presidency Conclusions),
  - having regard to the letter from the Irish Government to the Council of 20 July 2011, sent in accordance with Article 48(2) of the Treaty on European Union, on a proposal for the addition of a draft protocol on the concerns of the Irish people on the Treaty of Lisbon ('the draft protocol') to the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
  - having regard to the submission of that proposal on 11 October 2011 by the Council to the European Council, in accordance with Article 48(2) of the Treaty on European Union,
  - having regard to the letter from the President of the European Council to the President of the European Parliament of 25 October 2011, concerning the draft protocol,
  - having regard to the request for consent not to convene a Convention submitted by the European Council in accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 48(3) of the Treaty on European Union (C7-0388/2011),
  - having regard to Rules 74a and 81(1) of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the recommendation of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs (A7-0065/2012),
- A. whereas at the European Council on 19 June 2009 the Heads of State or Government agreed to take a decision in order to provide reassurance and to respond to the concerns of the Irish people on the Treaty of Lisbon in relation to the right to life, family and education, taxation, and security and defence;
- B. whereas the Heads of State or Government also declared that the decision was legally binding and would take effect on the date of entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon;
- C. whereas they also declared that, at the time of the conclusion of the next accession treaty and in accordance with their respective constitutional requirements, they would set out the provisions of the decision in a protocol to be attached to the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union;

D. whereas, as a matter of fact, the Heads of State or Government at the European Council on 19 June 2009 had already agreed on the substance of the provisions proposed in the draft protocol, so that the issue has already been politically settled and does not seem to justify convening a Convention;

1. Consents to the European Council's proposal not to convene a Convention;
2. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the European Council, the Council and the Commission.