



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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**CO EUR-PREP 31
POLGEN 126
INST 377**

"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from :	Presidency of the Council
to :	COREPER / COUNCIL
Subject :	Amendment of the Treaties - Protocol on the concerns of the Irish people on the Treaty of Lisbon

1. 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, agreed on a Decision on the concerns of the Irish people on the Treaty of Lisbon.¹
2. On the same occasion, the Heads of State or Government have declared that they will, at the time of the conclusion of the next accession Treaty, set out the provisions of the Decision in a Protocol to be attached, in accordance with their respective constitutional requirements, to the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
3. On 20 July 2011, the Irish Government, in a letter from its Permanent Representative, submitted to the Council a proposal, in accordance with Article 48(2) TEU, for the amendment of the Treaties concerning the addition of a Protocol on the concerns of the Irish people on the Treaty of Lisbon.²

¹ 11225/2/09 REV 2 CONCL 2.

² 13181/11 CO EUR-PREP 32 POLGEN 127 INST 378.

4. Under Article 48(2) TEU, the said proposal shall be submitted to the European Council and the national Parliaments shall be notified.
 5. Coreper is therefore invited to recommend to the Council that, in accordance with Article 48(2) TEU:
 - (a) it submits, through the annexed letter from its President, the proposal as set out in document 13181/11 CO EUR-PREP 32 POLGEN 127 INST 378 to the European Council, and
 - (b) it notifies the said proposal to the national parliaments and therefore instructs the Secretary-General of the Council to proceed to this notification.
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DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council of the European Union

to : President of the European Council

The Irish Government has submitted to the Council the annexed proposal for the amendment of the Treaties concerning the addition of a Protocol on the concerns of the Irish people on the Treaty of Lisbon.¹

In accordance with Article 48(2) of the Treaty on European Union, the Council hereby submits the said proposal to the European Council.

for the President of the Council

¹ cf. 13181/11 CO EUR-PREP 32 POLGEN 127 INST 378.