

**Appeal
To Swedish Minister of Foreign Relations Carl Bildt**

Support to Irish demand on a Neutrality Protocol to Lisbon Treaty

On 12th of June last year the Irish people voted no to the Lisbon Treaty not at least due to the far going militarisation of EU. According to the rules of EU the new treaty should vanish as it demands that all member states accept it. But those in power of the EU urge the Irish government to arrange a new referendum.

In the Lisbon Treaty it is said eg that:

- The security and defense policy of EU “will lead to a common defense, when the European Council unanimous decides so”.
- If one EU-country is subject to a military attac all the other member states “are obliged to give it support with all available means”. Nuclear weapons are not excluded.
- Military actions shall follow the principles of the UN, that means that there is no demand on UN-mandate.

The Irish peace movement wants Irland to have the same sort of exclusion as Denmark from military actions and to be able to stay non-allied. They propose that Irland shall not be forced to participate in military actions or to contribute to the financing.

We who stand behind this appeal support the proposal of the Irish Peace movement on a Neutrality protocol and demand the Swedish Government to declare its support during the negotiations that are going on within EU concerning the conditions for the new Irish referendum.

If Irland achieve the exceptions as a guarantie for Irish military nonalliance preconditions are given even for Sweden to accede to this protocol.

This appeal was up to the date below signed by:

Women for Peace
Kvinnor för fred

The Swedish Peace Committe
Fredskommittén

Culture for Peace
Kultur för fred

Left Party
Vänsterpartiet

Women’s International League for
Peace and Freedom
IKFF

Feminist Initiative
Feministiskt Initiativ

Swedish Left Women Association
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