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The Swedish people congratulates and is very happy with the Irish people's impressive vote for a NO in your referendum. The victory is even more impressive as Ireland as the only EU member country has a compelling constitutional right to consult the people, when national rights are challenged. It is also very encouraging that you in your NO-campaign to the Lisbon Treaty resisted all the deceit and lies from the YES-campaign and the superior EU establishment.

In a press release our movement has requested the Swedish prime minister Fredrik Reinfeldt at the upcoming EU top meeting should declare that the Lisbon Treaty is dead.

However, I am afraid that the manipulations will continue. The Swedish commissioner Margot Wallström and the EU minister Cecilia Malmström have in media with no respect to the EU Treaties advocated that the ratification process should continue in all the member countries, who still not have ratified the Treaty, in order to marginalise your vote.

In this situation we will continue to demand a referendum, which the Swedish political establishment and the government up to now has refused the Swedish people. A simple ratification in the Swedish parliament demands a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority. To get this majority the government is depending of the support from the social democratic party.

Our movement was 25th May the host for an European trade union conference to repeal the European Court of Justice judgments in the Laval, Viking and Ruffert cases. I know that labour right issues were an important part of the NO-campaign and that many trade union on Ireland opted for a NO.

In Sweden the outcome of these three court cases has lead to an intensive debate within the trade unions and the social democratic party. As a first commentary to the Irish vote the chairwoman of the social democratic party Mona Sahlin has expressed a growing reluctance and inconvenience to ratify the Lisbon Treaty in the parliament, at least without a consultation by the Swedish people.

The EU Committee of the Swedish Parliament will meet on Wednesday to prepare for the EU top meeting, and I will forward this congratulation message to its members.

With my best congratulations

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