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SIPTU is correct the “Shiny trinket” of Fundamental Rights won’t wash

The people of Ireland will not be bullied or conned into selling out 500 million fellow Europeans on the basis of a “**shiny trinket**” that is the Charter of Fundamental rights. We welcomes **SIPTU**’s refusal to accept the “trinkets” in Lisbon.

Asking people to vote YES to Lisbon on the basis of the inclusion of the charter of fundamental rights is the same as asking people to vote YES in return for a “shiny trinket”.

European court of Justice judge Prof Ninon Colneric has commented in a paper for Oxford University law faculty that while the charter is “*of great symbolic importance, the inclusion of the Charter in the treaty would not fundamentally alter the protection of fundamental rights in the Community legal order*”

A NO vote from the Irish people will send a message that the people of Europe are sovereign, that the European project belongs to them and cannot proceed any further with out the consent of the people of Europe.

Those in Ireland that are promoting a YES vote on the basis of the inclusion of this the shiny trinket charter are misleading the people and can expect a lesson in democracy on June 12th when the Irish people vote NO to protect European democracy and Irish Independence.

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