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Silenced Europeans to deliver symbolic message to Irish people

Location: EU Parliament office in Dublin 2. Time: 12:30 pm Date: Friday, 6 June 2008

Speaking today, Thomas Rupp of the Europe-wide ERC (European Referendum Campaign) said:

"Europeans, on behalf of the 486 Million Europeans who have been excluded by their governments in alliance with the EU from voting in this very important constitutional treaty that takes Europe in a new direction, will deliver a **symbolic message** to the Irish people on Friday the 6th of June at 12:30 pm from outside the EU Parliament office in Dublin."

"We are asking individual Irish citizens as fellow Europeans to 'SPEAK FOR US' the people of Europe as we have been silenced. We are asking the Irish people to remind EU politicians that the European project belongs to the people of Europe and cannot proceed in a new direction without the approval of the peoples of Europe."

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Event description:

The European Referendum Campaign (ERC see <u>http://ireland.erc2.org</u>) with the support of the Peoples Movement will line the outside of the EU Parliament office in Dublin with people from countries in the EU who are being denied a referendum along with cardboard cut-outs of all the EU prime ministers with their fingers in their ears. The message to be delivered is "SPEAK FOR ME", the mouths of the people taking part will be covered in

tape. This is not a protest but the delivery of a message from the "silenced" peoples of Europe to the Irish people.

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