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**EU Commission threatened with injunction proceedings over its
propaganda campaign**

Solicitors acting on behalf of former MEP Patricia McKenna have written to the European Commission warning of legal action if the Commission continues with its campaign on the Lisbon Treaty.

Following yesterday's inclusion of a 16-page supplement in all newspapers, supporting the Lisbon Treaty, the former MEP has taken legal advice and has instructed her solicitors, MacGeehin and Toale, to write to the European Commission and inform the Commission that its funding, at considerable expense to the taxpayer, of a propaganda campaign to advocate a 'Yes' vote in the upcoming referendum is in breach of Irish law and must stop or she will be forced to take legal action.

McKenna claims that 'the EU Commission's involvement is in breach of both Irish and EU law and as such must stop immediately. Yesterday's inclusion of a 16-page supplement in all newspapers, supporting the Lisbon Treaty, was totally illegal. We need to know did the European Commission's legal services sanction the expenditure of funding for propaganda purposes on the Lisbon Treaty campaign in Ireland and if so on what grounds as this is an unlawful use of European taxpayer's money since the European Commission has no competence whatever in the ratification of treaties.'

'However, regardless of EU law, it is clear that under Irish law the principles of the McKenna judgment are being breached by the EU Commission' she concluded.

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