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Lisbon Treaty

Another hurdle removed - Greens welcome German court ruling on Lisbon

Commenting on today's German Constitutional Court ruling on the Lisbon Treaty, **Rebecca Harms** and **Daniel Cohn-Bendit**, Co-Presidents of the Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament, said:

"The Greens welcome the German Constitutional Court's judgment dismissing constitutional objections to the Lisbon Treaty. Although it ruled changes were necessary to German national legislation that accompanies the treaty, one more hurdle to the ratification of these crucial reforms has been removed.

Greens expect the German Bundestag will make the necessary revisions to accompanying legislation before its elections in September. Following a positive vote in the Czech Senate, today marks another step forward for democracy, citizens' rights and the European Union. The ruling also sends a positive message to Irish citizens in the lead-up to their referendum.

The reform treaty lays the legal foundation for more democracy, social justice and environmental responsibility in the EU. The Greens will strive to build the necessary political majorities in the European Parliament to deliver these benefits."

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