

Article 48

Response to Cameron's claims to have obtained reforms in the EU which are legally binding.

The Lisbon Treaty (2007) is divided into two parts

Treaty of the European Union (TEU) and

Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU)

The only country in the EU that had a Referendum on the Lisbon Treaty was Eire, and just to make sure that they voted in favour they were required to vote twice.

Article 48 of the Treaty of the European Union (TEU) ensures that the legislation is self-amending and can be altered without having to hold an Intergovernmental Conference (IGC) or hold any referendum on the changes. **Article 352** of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) allows the EU to obtain its objectives even if *"the Treaties have not provided the necessary powers."*

- Effectively, the Lisbon Treaty (2007) is an "Enabling Act" disguised as a Reform Treaty.

Other Articles that are of interest:

Article 27 of the Treaty of the European Union (TEU) established the *"European External Action Service"* - with the intention of *"representing the EU within international organisations and at international conference."* at the expense of the member states.

- The Nation States of the EU are side-lined so that the EU can strut the world stage, at the UN and WTO etc., these losses would place Britain at a major disadvantage in world affairs

Article 53 of the Treaty of the European Union (TEU) states that *"This Treaty is concluded for an unlimited period."*

If we stay in the EU we will be subject to the terms and conditions of the Lisbon Treaty (2007), and our children, grandchildren and their offspring could be subject to the Treaty for a millennia or more.

Article 335 - of the Treaty of the European Union (TEU) states that *"In each Member State, the Union shall enjoy the most extensive legal capacity accorded to legal persons under their laws; it may, in particular, acquire or dispose of moveable or immoveable property and may be a party to legal proceedings."*

- the EU can actively interfere within the Member States, as if it were a citizen of that member state.

The Protocol on Privileges and Immunities of the European Union: attached to the Lisbon Treaty (2007) effectively places the EU above the Law.

- The Brussels EU premises and buildings are exempt from search,

- Members of the European Commission are *"Immune from legal proceedings in respect of acts performed by them in their official capacity, including their words, spoken or written."* the members also *"continue to enjoy this immunity after they have ceased to hold office."*

- Europol operatives have *Diplomatic immunity – KGB on Steroids*

Clearly the EU cannot be reformed - except by the EU