

Zepp-LaRouche: Germany Is Still a Constitutional State

Helga Zepp-LaRouche, founder of the Schiller Institute and leader of the Civil Rights Movement Solidarity Party in Germany, issued the following statement June 30, in response to the news that German President Horst Köhler will respect the request of the German Constitutional Court, that he not sign the Lisbon Treaty until the court has ruled on legal challenges.

“This is a very good development, because it shows that Germany, at least for now, is still a *Rechtsstaat*, or constitutional state. I am confident that the Constitutional judges will find many points where the Lisbon Treaty violates the *Grundgesetz*, or Basic Law, of the German republic. Among these points are:

“1. Sovereignty, which, according to the *Grundgesetz* emanates from the people, is transferred to a supra-national bureaucracy, which is not accountable to the people.

“2. Once the Treaty is signed, the European Union bureaucracy can change anything in it whenever or however it wants, without consulting with the states.

“3. The Treaty represents a fundamental change of the Constitution, which change, according to the *Grundgesetz*, requires the agreement of the population.”

There is no date set when the Constitutional Court will rule on challenges to the Treaty, which had already been thrown into limbo by the Irish, who voted “No” in a referendum held June 12.