

## DEMOCRATIC RALLY SECURES LISBON TREATY RATIFICATION IN CYPRUS

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This afternoon **Nikos Anastasiades** and the Democratic Rally (DISY) voted in favor of the Lisbon Treaty and, in effect, secured its ratification in Cyprus. The governing radical left AKEL party of Cyprus President Dimitris Christofias voted against the Treaty, putting in jeopardy its ratification.

*"I would like to warmly congratulate Nikos Anastasides and DISY for showing courage, leadership, responsibility and statesmanship in a critical moment for Europe and the Lisbon Treaty. Nikos Anastasides and DISY have once again proven that they are committed to a strong Europe with Cyprus at its centre. Unfortunately, there are others who try to push Cyprus at the margins of Europe and in this respect, it is regrettable that the governing AKEL party of Cypriot President Christofias voted against the Lisbon Treaty,"* stated **Wilfried Martens**, the EPP President.

*"Finally, I would also like to express the hope that the ratification of the Treaty by Cyprus will give added momentum to the ratification process, despite the recent setback in Ireland,"* Martens concluded.

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