

EPP CALLS ON THE RESPECT FOR THE FREE WILL OF THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE



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The European People's Party Political Bureau approved today a resolution on Ukraine , which expresses its solidarity with the Ukrainian people and their right to freely elect its President.

EPP refuses the last results of the Presidential elections and calls on Ukrainian authorities ♦to declare the second round void and organize a rerun in the coming weeks according to internationally recognized standards in cooperation with and under the supervision of the OSCE♦.

♦We want a peaceful solution for Ukraine and our biggest priority is that the Ukrainian people express freely their will♦, stressed EPP President Wilfried Martens in press conference.

EPP expressed today again its support to Victor Yuschenko, who was invited by Wilfried Martens to the next EPP Summit on 16th December. ♦I hope he will join us if the events in his country allow him to come. Anyway we will try to have a closer cooperation♦, Martens said.

NEW MEMBERS

EPP Political Bureau also approved today unanimously that SDA (Party of Democratic Action), PDP (Party for Democratic Progress) and HDZBiH (Croatian Democratic Union), from Bosnia-Herzegovina come members of the EPP.

These three parties will have the status of observers.