

ROME WILL HOST THE NEXT EPP CONGRESS

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The Political Bureau of the European People's Party unanimously approved in its meeting that was held on the 3th and 4th of March 2005 that its next Congress will take place in Rome (Italy) in the spring of 2006.

The unanimous decision was taken, following the invitation of Forza Italia, headed by Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, together with the UDC.

◆*This Congress will be an important and historical event, which coincides with the 30th anniversary of the EPP*◆, President Wilfried Martens stressed.

MOLDOVA

In view of Parliament elections in Moldova this Sunday, March 6th, the EPP Political Bureau also accepted unanimously the Christian Democratic Popular Party as an observer in order to support its commitment for the promotion of European and democratic values.

Once again, EPP members called on the necessity for fair and transparent elections in Moldova and to ensure a better and stable future for the Moldovan people.

MIDDLE EAST

The EPP Political Bureau approved a Resolution on the Middle East, which welcomes the cease-fire agreed by Prime Minister Sharon and President Abbas, as a new hope for peace and security in the region.

According to the Resolution ◆*there should be no delay in following the Road-map for peace*◆

EU NEIGHBORS

Finally, in preparation of the upcoming Pan-European Summit of May 2005 on the eve of the Council of Europe Summit, EPP members have agreed on a working document, which calls on developing a clear strategy for relations with all European neighbors such as Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus, in order to help these countries build a common area of peace, stability, security, democracy and prosperity.

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