











EPP LEADERS SUPPORT BARROSO'S COMMISSION EPP

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Prime Ministers and party leaders supported today European Commission President designate, Jos  Manuel Dur  o Barroso, during the EPP Summit that took place in the Castle of Bouchout, National Botanic Garden of Belgium Meise, prior to the European Council

 We unanimously support the modified Commission of Mr Barroso , EPP President Wilfried Martens said.  He undertook all the necessary steps and came to a solution that can be accepted by the European Parliament , he added

TURKEY

In conformity with the EPP  s Congress document of Estoril, October 2002, that foresaw a  Special Partnership  the leaders agreed by consensus that the EPP Heads of Government will defend open-ended negotiations (no automatism) if the European Council of 17 December 2004 decides on accession negotiations with Turkey. Chancellor Wolfgang Sch  ssel was appointed coordinator to defend this common EPP position in the European Council of 17 December 2004 .

UKRAINE

The EPP leaders also welcomed the success of Mr Victor Yushenko in the first round of Ukrainian Presidential elections and expressed their hope that in the run-off elections, Mr Yushenko will prevail. The EPP leaders also called on the Ukrainian authorities to safeguard all necessary democratic standards for the holding of free and fair elections.

AK PARTY

Concerning the application of the AK Party a positive recommendation was sent to the Political Bureau that would decide in January 2005. It was recommended that initially the observer status would be provided. The Chairman would personally report to Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Chairman of the AK Parti, on the outcome of the meeting.