

EPP ENDORCES KASOULIDES FOR CYPRUS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

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EPP President **Wilfried Martens** endorsed today the candidature of **Ioannis Kasoulides** for the Cyprus Presidential elections that will take place in February 2008. Kasoulides -former Foreign Minister and MEP in the EPP-ED Group - is the candidate of EPP member-party [DISY](#).

Hosted in Cyprus by DISY and its President **Nikos Anastasiades**, the EPP President had a number of high-level meetings. During a joint press conference with Kasoulides, President Martens stated that: *"Dr. Kasoulides has the experience, integrity and credibility needed to become President of Cyprus. Ioannis Kasoulides has a positive profile in Brussels and, if elected, he will be a great asset for his people and his country."*

President Martens also inaugurated with President Anastasiades the EPP "**Middle East Observatory**" that will be run in the headquarters of DISY: *"For the EPP, this is another important step in being actively engaged in world affairs - the Middle East is a region of great political concern that needs our full attention. I am very pleased that DISY will be able to provide the EPP with valuable information and insight on the region,"* concluded the EPP President.

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