

## EPP PRESIDENT CONGRATULATES McCAIN'S NOMINATION FOR THE US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION (+ Pictures)

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP), **Wilfried Martens**, has congratulated Senator **John McCain** for formally receiving the nomination for Presidential candidate of the Republican Party for the November 2008 US elections.

President Martens, who participated in the Republican Convention in St. Paul (Minnesota) for the whole week along with a large EPP delegation, said *"McCain is a reformer and the best option for leading the country: he has the political experience and the moral commitment."*

*"His speech in the last session of the Republican Convention proved once again that Senator McCain is committed to reforming his country and strengthening the transatlantic partnership. Over the past three years, I have worked with John McCain in building stronger ties between Europe and America and I have first-hand experience of his engagement and dedication to this process. Therefore, I would like to wish him all the success in the upcoming presidential election,"* added Martens.

The EPP is participating for the first time in a Republican Convention with a large delegation of representatives from EPP member parties. As an important part of the program, on Tuesday 2 September the EPP hosted a public event with more than 300 participants, including representatives of the Republican Party, international leaders, policy experts and business executives. The EPP presented its political vision, activities and goals during the meeting.

During his stay President Martens also met with former Governor of Massachusetts **Mitt Romney** and former Secretaries of State **Henry Kissinger** and **Lawrence Eagleburger**, amongst others.

Note to the editors: The EPP is the largest transnational political party in Europe with 72 member parties of the centre-right in 38 countries.

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