

EPP PRESIDENT CONGRATULATES BARACK OBAMA

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP) **Wilfried Martens** congratulated today **Barack Obama** for his election victory in yesterday's US Presidential election:

"I would like to congratulate President-elect Barack Obama for his historic election victory. At a difficult moment for the US (and world) economy, Obama inspired the American people and offered them hope for a better future," Martens stated.

"Therefore, I would like to wish Barack Obama all the success in his new tasks and I trust that he will continue to foster a strong EU-US relationship since, now more than ever, it is crucial that we work together to tackle the financial crisis and many other common global challenges," underlined the EPP

President.

*"Finally, I would also like to pay tribute to Senator **John McCain** for running a vigorous and honourable campaign. I offer him my best wishes for his future endeavours,"* Martens added.

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