

EPP WELCOMES RATIFICATION OF CONSTITUTION BY BELGIUM

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP) and former Prime Minister of Belgium **Wilfried Martens** welcomed the ratification of the European Constitution by his country.

"With the decision taken by the Flemish parliament, Belgium becomes the 14th EU country to ratify the European Constitutional Treaty. The majority of the 25 EU Member States have now ratified it, and also the majority of the European citizens", President Martens stated.

"The ratification is also a strong political signal and shows that the European Constitution is not dead after the negative results of the referenda in France and the Netherlands last year", President Martens concluded.

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