

## EPP WELCOMES FORMAL NOMINATION OF BARROSO BY THE COUNCIL

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP) **Wilfried Martens** has welcomed the formal nomination of **José Manuel Barroso** for a second term of office as President of the European Commission. The European Parliament will soon have to approve his nomination.

*"I welcome the decision of the Council to formalize the unanimous decision taken by the 27 EU heads of state and government at the Summit of June 18. As the EPP has repeatedly stated, President José Manuel Barroso is not only the best candidate due to his strong track-record of the past five years, but he is the only candidate for the office and has widespread support from all the main European political families,"* stated the EPP President.

*"I also fully agree with the statement of Prime Minister **Fredrik Reinfeldt** that we have to complete the process and to move Europe forward in order to resolve the challenges that are before us. But in order to move Europe forward, we must all put some of our differences aside and work for the good of the EU - let's not forget that in less than three months, Ireland will have a new referendum on the Lisbon Treaty,"* Martens added.

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