

EPP WELCOMES CLIMATE DECISIONS OF THE G8 SUMMIT

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP) **Wilfried Martens** welcomed today the decisions taken at the G8 Summit in L'Aquila, Italy, on climate change. These decisions reflect many of the proposals that the EPP made in its Warsaw manifesto during the campaign for the June 2009 European elections.

"The G8 decisions mark an important step forward in dealing with climate change. The recognition of the 2°C goal by the US and also by the emerging economies has been set for the first time-ever on the international level. The UN Climate Conference in Copenhagen in December will be able to build on this decision and set clear targets for

all countries involved – these targets have to include both short term and long term goals," stated the EPP President.

*"As the EPP proposed as early as 2008, we need to de-carbonize our economies with more energy efficiency, with more renewable sources but also to keep nuclear energy as an option, in order to made Europe less dependent on oil and gas imports. The time has finally come to take up the challenge and to embrace the initiatives of Environment Commissioner **Stavros Dimas** and to continue on the path mapped-out in March 2007 by German Chancellor **Angela Merkel**,"* Martens added.

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