

EPP & CDI CALLS ON INTERNATIONAL AID FOR SOUTH ASIA EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

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The European People's Party (EPP) and the Centrist Democrat International (CDI) appealed today to the international community to send goods, air equipment, financial aid and medical supplies to help the victims and begin repairing the South Asia area damaged by a huge earthquake, which struck northern Pakistan and India last Saturday.

About 22.0000 people were killed and more than 50.000 injured by a 7.6-magnitude earthquake, which is thought to have been the strongest earthquake in the region in a century.

United Nation officials said that 2.5 million people have been left homeless.

On the behalf of all EPP and CDI family, President Wilfried Martens expressed his deepest condolences for those who had died or been injured, their friends and families.

◆*Our thoughts and hearts are with the victims, governments and the people of this region who have lost their loved ones, homes and possessions in this huge natural disaster*◆, EPP President and CDI Vice-President Wilfried Martens said.

The EPP and the CDI will follow carefully the situation in the area and will encourage its member parties to support the Pakistani and Indian people to recover from this disaster.

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