

"EPP CONGRATULATES YUSHCHENKO AND TYMOSHENKO FOR CREATION OF COALITION AND BELIEVES IN THEIR JOINT COOPERATION FOR BETTER FUTURE OF UKRAINE" - A. LOPEZ-ISTURIZ, EPP Sec. General

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On Tuesday 9 December, **Antonio LOPEZ-ISTURIZ**, EPP Secretary General, gave an interview to INTERFAX -UKRAINE on the occasion of the creation of coalition between EPP sister parties from Ukraine - People's Union Our Ukraine of **Viktor YUSHCHENKO** and Batkivzhchina of **Yulia TYMOSHENKO**.

On behalf of the EPP, Mr. LOPEZ-ISTURIZ congratulated his partners and expressed his confidence in such coalition: *"I think it is very good news for Europe and for Ukraine that President YUSHCHENKO and Prime-Minister TYMOSHENKO decided to join their efforts and to work together for the better future of the country, especially at the difficult moment of economical and political crisis in Ukraine."*

Mr. LOPEZ-ISTURIZ underlined that EPP had always confidence in Ukrainian leaders, believing that they are working for the best of the country: *"There are many challenges in Ukraine and still a lot to be done. At this difficult moment of the crisis both leaders sent a very good signal, that they overcame political problems of the past and will fight for the future. It is very good news for us and we strongly support this coalition."*

Speaking about stability of such coalition Mr. LOPEZ-ISTURIZ underlined *"we expect that all members of the coalition will be responsible and serious about their actions in order to bring stability and move country forward."* He said that YUSHCHENKO and TYMOSHENKO as *"strong leaders able to head this process."*

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