

EPP WELCOMES CROATIA-SLOVENIA AGREEMENT; KOSOR SHOWS STATESMANSHIP

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP) **Wilfried Martens** welcomed today the agreement on resolving the border dispute between Croatia and Slovenia; in effect, when the agreement comes into force, it will unblock the accession negotiations of Croatia with the European Union. The agreement was brokered between Croatian Prime Minister **Jadranka Kosor** and her Slovenian counterpart. Kosor is also the leader of the HDZ, an associate member-party of the EPP.

"This is welcome news for both Croatia and Slovenia, after a protracted period of uncertainty and tension. Kosor, in her short tenure as Prime Minister, has shown courage and statesmanship in breaking the diplomatic deadlock with Slovenia. I look forward to the implementation of this agreement and the swift resumption of Croatia's EU accession negotiations," stated the EPP President.

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