

PRESIDENT MARTENS DELIGHTED WITH BARROSO COMMISSION

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The President of the European People's Party Mr. Wilfried Martens expressed, this afternoon, his delight with the announcement of the Portfolios of the next European Commission by President-elect Jose Manuel Barroso:

◆ I am delighted with the announcement, not only because President Barroso concluded his consultations with the new Commissioners earlier than expected, but also because he kept all his pledges prior to his election by the European Parliament. The allocation of Portfolios has achieved a successful balance that takes into consideration, not only the merits of the new Commissioners, but also the complex political and geographic realities of Europe. Clearly, there are no first and second-class Commissioners in the Barroso Commission. Moreover, for the first time in EU history, female members represent one-third of the Commission. Needless to say, the EPP has, once again, been vindicated for its solidarity and wholehearted support towards President Barroso for his designation by the European Council and, subsequent, election by the European Parliament. ◆

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