

## EPP PRESIDENT SADDENED BY THE LOSS OF CHRISTOPHER PROUT

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP) **Wilfried Martens** expressed his sadness for the passing away of former MEP and EPP Group Vice Chairman **Christopher Prout**, Baron Kingsland. Prout, who passed away on July 12th 2009 at the age of 67, negotiated in 1990-92 with Martens the inclusion of the British Conservatives in the EPP Group in the European Parliament.

*"I am deeply saddened by the loss of Christopher Prout, Baron Kingsland, a good friend of the EPP political family. Prout was instrumental in negotiating with success the inclusion of the British Conservatives in the EPP Group in the early 1990's; he clearly understood the importance of having one strong and united centre-right political family in Europe and acted with a sense of responsibility and good faith,"* stated the EPP President.

*"Unfortunately, Prout's passing away also marks the end of an era of fraternal cooperation between his party and the EPP,"* Martens added.

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