

EPP SUPPORTS PM FREDRIK REINFELDT AND THE PRIORITIES OF THE SWEDISH PRESIDENCY

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP) **Wilfried Martens** expressed today EPP's full support to Prime Minister **Fredrik Reinfeldt** and the priorities of the Swedish EU Presidency. The priorities of the Swedish Presidency focus on the economic and financial crisis and the road to a new global climate agreement. Among the other priority issues are the Stockholm Programme for justice and home affairs and the EU's strategy for the Baltic Sea region. Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt is the leader of the Moderate party of Sweden, an EPP member-party.

"On behalf of the EPP, I warmly welcome the priorities of the Swedish Presidency presented today by Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt in the European Parliament. I am particularly pleased that the focus is on the economic and financial crisis and on climate change. These are both top priorities for the EPP and we will, therefore, provide full political support for the initiatives of Prime Minister Reinfeldt, including our backing at the EPP Ministerial and Summit meetings," stated the EPP President.

"Regarding the emphasis of the Swedish Presidency on the economic and financial crisis, the EPP is paying particular attention on updating in the coming months our model of the 'social market economy' and providing, on the basis of this model, tangible and swift solutions. Our work on the social market economy will culminate at the EPP Congress in Bonn on 9-10 December, and the results will be presented to Prime Minister Reinfeldt at the EPP Summit of heads of state and government," Martens added.

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