

STATEMENT ON THE POLITICAL CRISIS IN UKRAINE

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The President of the EPP, **Wilfried Martens**, has made the following statement:

The EPP strongly supports the revival and strengthening of the coalition of democratic pro-European forces in Ukraine.

It is essential to have an effective and a stable government in the face of the global financial crisis. Political stability is a key precondition for the successful European integration of Ukraine.

New elections, the third in merely 3 years, will undermine the stability. What Ukraine needs today is NOT new elections, but a responsible leadership and a stable government. Now is the time for unity, not for division.

We express our full support for those leaders in Ukraine who are doing everything to stabilize the governmental coalition, those who continue with social market reforms.

Political instability and the economic crisis are a direct threat to the Ukrainian people.

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