

## EPP LEADERS REACT TO THE OFFENSIVE REMARKS OF IRANIAN PRESIDENT

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The heads of government and party leaders of the European People's Party (EPP) at the [EPP Summit](#) meeting of 15 December 2005, strongly condemned the offensive statements that were repeatedly made by Iranian President Ahmadinejad. The EPP Summit ([click here for pictures](#)) asked the European Council to include this matter on the agenda of its 15-16 December meeting:

*While recognizing the need to promote the Middle East peace process - in order to find a viable and mutually acceptable solution that will bring lasting peace for Israelis and Palestinians - the EPP stresses that the defamatory and provoking remarks made by the Iranian President are totally unacceptable. Any position denying the historical facts of the Holocaust and questioning the right of the state of Israel to exist will always be rejected by our political family.*

*The EPP strongly supports the need of a comprehensive dialogue with all interested parties in the Middle East, but this dialogue and any future cooperation can only be based on the principle of mutual recognition of all states in the region, including the eventual recognition of a Palestinian state.*

*The European Union must state very clearly that the adherence to International Law - and also to the non-proliferation treaty for nuclear weapons - and the willingness to co-exist, are necessary preconditions for regional peace. This is absolutely essential for every country which the European Union has, and will continue to develop, relations.*

*If these preconditions are not fulfilled, and if similar statements by the Iranian President will continue, the EPP calls on the European Council to seriously consider the possibility of imposing consequences against Iran in the framework of the UN Security Council. ♦*

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