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The President of the European People's Party (EPP), **Wilfried Martens**, welcomed the impressive victory of Nea Demokratia (ND) and Prime Minister **Kostas Karamanlis** in the elections held today in Greece. ND obtained an absolute majority in parliament and 42% of the votes, while the socialist Pasok only 38%.

"This victory is particularly important because the electoral campaign ran in parallel with the deadly fires across the country: PM Karamanlis showed during the last weeks real statesmanship and, as a consequence, the Greek people gave to him again their confidence for a new term", Martens stated.

"I am sure that Kostas Karamanlis will continue his leadership in the European Union (EU). I am looking forward to working with him in the next EPP Summit in Lisbon, 18 October 2007", President Martens concluded.

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