

KASOULIDES ♦ VICTORY EXCELLENT NEWS FOR CYPRUS AND EUROPE

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP) **Wilfried Martens** personally congratulated this evening **Ioannis Kasoulides** for winning the first round of Cyprus' presidential elections. Kasoulides is a former Foreign Minister during the Clerides administration and current MEP in the EPP-ED Group in the European Parliament.

"Tonight's result is excellent news since the Cypriot people opted for the candidate with a true European profile. The EPP has strongly supported Mr. Kasoulides throughout his campaign because he is the only candidate that can bring Cyprus from the margins to the heart of Europe," stated the EPP President.

"I am convinced that next Sunday, the majority of Cypriots will give their confidence to Ioannis Kasoulides," Martens concluded.

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