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The President of Ukraine, **Viktor Yushchenko** – also the Honorary President of the Ukrainian EPP observer member party NSNU – visited this morning the headquarters of the EPP in Brussels.

**President Yushchenko** was received by EPP President **Wilfried Martens** along with EPP-ED Group Chairman **Joseph Daul**, EPP Secretary General **Antonio Lopez-Isturiz**, EPP Vice President **Jacek Saryusz-Wolski** and EPP Vice President **Mario David**.

**President Yushchenko** briefed the EPP leadership on the current political situation in Ukraine and on the country's current state of relations with the European Union (EU).

**President Martens** made clear that *"we understand President Yushchenko's decision and the necessity to hold early elections – it's important that the European Union supports the Ukrainian President, democracy and the rule of law."*

**Chairman Daul** added that *"Ukraine should find a peaceful and democratic solution to the current political crisis"*. Mr. Daul especially underlined that violent protests are unacceptable and has appealed for EU's support for strengthening the democratic institutions in Ukraine.

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