

EPP APPROVES RESOLUTIONS ON CUBA, UKRAINE AND ROMANIA



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European People's Party approved several resolutions; during its Political Bureau held in the European Parliament on 18th and 19th of October.

Specifically, the EPP Political Bureau approved a Resolution on the Presidential Elections in Ukraine, submitted by the YEPP, which recognizes the determination of this country to follow European standards and values and calls on Ukrainian authorities to ensure free, fair and transparent elections.

The EPP also condemned the expulsion by Cuban authorities of deputies Kathleen Ferrier of the CDA (Netherlands) and Jorge Moragas, International Secretary of Partido Popular (Spain), who fled to the island last weekend to meet several Cuban dissidents.

Regarding Romania, the EPP gave its full support to the Christian Democratic National Peasants Party (PNTCD), an associated member of the EPP, in its effort to secure a positive result in the 2004 elections.

EPP Political Bureau also voted in favour of the resolution "Re-Visiting the Lisbon Agenda", focused on the items of European growth and competitiveness which have to be given more attention to get Lisbon goals.

OTHER MATTERS

Apart from other matters, including the decision to hold the next EPP Congress in K in April 2005, EPP President Wilfried Martens thanked, on behalf of the entire party, Mr. Dieter Schmidt, former International Secretary of CSU (Germany), for his long-lasting dedication and work in EPP activities. The retired Schmidt was replaced by Mrs. Susanne Luther.

Finally, Martens also welcomed Mrs. Gunnilla Carlsson from Moderaterna (Sweden), as new Vice-President of the EPP, replacing outgoing VP Mr. Bo Lundgren.