

MARTENS: "SPANISH 'YES' TO EU CONSTITUTION, A POSITIVE RESULT"

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The European People's Party welcomed today the result of the referendum on the European Constitution held in Spain on Sunday, where a 76.4 percent of voters ratified the text.

EPP President, Wilfried Martens, stressed the importance of such a positive result on the first public consultation on the EU Constitution. *◆It is a good beginning and a positive message for the upcoming referenda in other member-states. Spain will be a clear reference for other European countries◆*, said Martens.

◆Once again, Spain proved that it is in the heart of Europe, voting in favor of a more democratic European Union, with more freedom and more security◆, he added.

Martens regretted the poor participation on this referendum, with a turnout of a 42 percent, one of the lowest in recent European referenda. *◆The Spanish Government has to think about the reasons for such a big abstention◆*, he added.

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