

REFERENDUM RESULT IN TURKEY ♦ A GREAT SUCCESS ♦ FOR AKP

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The EPP welcomed this evening the result of today's referendum in Turkey that approved the direct election of the President of the Republic. 69% of the voters approved the proposal of the governing AK party, an observer-member of the EPP.

Speaking from Istanbul, on the sidelines of a conference on "the Future of Political Parties and Islam in the Euro-Mediterranean" hosted by the International Republican Institute (IRI) in cooperation with the C. Karamanlis Institute for Democracy and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), the EPP President, **Wilfried Martens**, stated:

*"I think this is a great success for the AKP since it once again proved that it is committed to democratic reforms that will bring Turkey closer to EU standards. I look forward to the continuation and expansion of Prime Minister **Recep Tayyip Erdogan**'s reform policy."*

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