

EPP CONGRATULATES CAVACO SILVA ♦ S PRESIDENTIAL VICTORY

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The EPP People ♦ s Party (EPP) congratulated today Mr **Anibal Cavaco Silva** for his great victory (50.6%) in the Presidential elections held in Portugal on Sunday.

EPP President **Wilfried Martens**, sent a letter to express, on behalf of the EPP, his congratulations and best wishes to Mr Cavaco Silva for his election as President of Portugal.

♦ Whilst your tasks ahead at the helm of your country are no doubt important, we all look forward with the conviction that you will lead with dedication and strength ♦, President Martens said.

From 1985 to 1995 Mr Cavaco Silva was Prime Minister of Portugal and leader of the **PSD**, a member-party of the EPP.

Under his leadership, Portugal joined the European Community in 1986 and the Western European Union in 1988.

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