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The President of the European People's Party (EPP), **Wilfried Martens**, congratulated today the leader of the UMP (Union pour un Mouvement Populaire), **Nicolas Sarkozy**, for his victory in the first round of the presidential election in France.

"The result obtained by Mr. Sarkozy is excellent news for France and its citizens. I am confident that Mr. Sarkozy will win the second round because he is the best candidate for the Presidency of France", **Mr. Martens** pointed out.

*"The EPP will support **Mr. Sarkozy** because his candidature is also good for the European Union (EU). We need a leader like him, who is able to successfully answer to the challenges that the EU is facing today and in the coming years: immigration, climate change, security and boosting of the economy",* **President Martens** pointed out.

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