

## WILFRIED MARTENS EXPRESSES CONDOLENCES FOR KAREL VAN MIERT

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP) **Wilfried Martens** expressed today his condolences for the tragic death of his friend and Belgian political colleague **Karel Van Miert**.

Van Miert was known for his successful tenure as member of the European Commission, the European Parliament, and also for his active role in Belgian politics. Martens and Van Miert were co-authors of the famous "Egmont Pact," which paved the way for Belgium's eventual constitutional reform.

*"I am very sad for the tragic passing-away of Karel Van Miert. Despite our political differences in Belgian politics, Karel Van Miert was a good personal friend of mine. We intimately shared our thoughts and concerns not only about the future of Belgium but also about the future of the European Union. Karel will be truly missed,"* said EPP President Wilfried Martens.

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