

**CZECH REPUBLIC: EPP REGRETS POLITICAL CRISIS AND OFFERS ASSISTANCE**

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP), **Wilfried Martens**, expressed today his regret for yesterday's vote of no-confidence against the centre-right government of **Mirek Topolánek** in the Czech Republic. The Czech Republic currently holds the 6-month rotating Presidency of the European Council.

*"It is a regrettable internal political development, but it may have certain consequences for the EU since the Czech Republic is currently holding the EU Presidency. I hope that the government of Prime Minister Mirek Topolánek will find the appropriate political means for continuing the work of the Czech Presidency; this work is important for all European citizens since Europe is currently facing important challenges with first and foremost the global economic crisis",* stated Martens.

*"Since the EPP currently has 13 out of the 27 EU heads of state and government in the European Council, we are always ready to help secure the stability and the smooth continuation of the Council's work. The success of the Czech Presidency will be the success for all of us in the European Union,"* concluded the EPP President.

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