

WALLSTROM THREATENS TO UNDERMINE THE COMMISSION'S CODE OF CONDUCT

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EPP President **Wilfried Martens** commented today on the endorsement of French Socialist candidate Segolene Royal by the Vice President of the European Commission **Margot Wallstrom**, which was posted on Monday 23 April, 2007 on her official Commission internet blog.

"Ms Wallstrom, by endorsing Socialist candidates via the Commission blog, threatens to undermine the Code of Conduct of the European Commission - I think she should be more focused on improving her work at the Commission," said the EPP President.

"It's really ironic that the Swedish Commissioner in charge of EU's communication policy is using public resources to support her political preferences. Instead of 'cheering' for Ms Royal, Ms Wallstrom should be 'crying' for the mess she has created with 'Europe by Satellite'. After working at the Commission for nearly 8 years, maybe the time has come for her to go home," Martens concluded.

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