

## EPP PRESIDENT REACTS ON BELARUS

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In view of the current developments in Belarus, President Wilfried Martens made the following statement:

*◆The European People ◆s Party firmly believes in the European future of Belarus - a future, where rights of every individual and group in society are fully respected. The EPP, therefore, strongly supports the development of civil society and independent institutions in Belarus.*

*The EPP is particularly concerned with the recent deterioration of Polish-Belarussian relations, i.e. the diplomatic conflict initiated by the circumstances surrounding current situation of Polish minority in Belarus*

*and its organisations.*

*The EPP calls on all sides of the conflict and the Belarussian government in particular, to undertake all possible efforts for the achievement of a peaceful and viable solution. Such a solution will only be found in the framework of the rule of law and the full implementation of all human rights and in particular, the rights of minorities in Belarus. ◆*

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