

NICOLAS SARKOZY, NEW UMP PRESIDENT



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EPP President, Wilfried Martens, congratulated on to the new president of the Union for a Popular Movement Party (UMP), Nicolass Sarkozy, who was nominated with 85.1 percent of votes cast.

◆I congratulate you for your nomination as UMP◆s new leader and for the success of this Congress◆, said Martens who participated in the UMP meeting, which took place last Sunday in Le Bourget (France).

The EPP President invited Mr Sarkozy to participate in the next EPP Summit, that will be gather in Meise December the 16th.

"A new horizon is in front of us, it is now that we must make our dreams a reality," Sarkozy said after being elected. The party leadership, which will require Sarkozy to give up his government portfolio, is considered a springboard for the presidential elections in two and a half years' time.

The 49-year-old son of a Hungarian immigrant will likely step down today as Finance Minister.

EPP DELEGATION

Wilfried Martens lead the European's Peoples Party delegation which participated in this Congress. EPP-ED Group President, Hans Gert Poettering, French MEPs from the UMP as Fran◆oise Grosset◆te and Margie Sudre were some of the EPP members and staff who were presents in Le Bourget.

European's Peoples Party stand was one of the most visited by the thousands of participants of this Congress.