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Belarus elections: EPP deplores violent crackdown on democratic opposition

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Following the reports of last night's attacks in Minsk by the Belarusian authorities against opposition candidates and peaceful protesters, the President of the European People's Party (EPP), **Wilfried Martens**, made the following statement:

"The violent crackdown by the Belarusian authorities on opposition candidates and peaceful protesters in Minsk last night is truly deplorable. These acts are totally unacceptable and are an offense to the European Union and the democratic world. On behalf of the EPP, I offer my full solidarity to the democratic opposition in Belarus," the EPP President declared.

Note to editors:

The EPP is the largest and most influential European-level political party of the centre-right, which currently includes 73 member-parties from 39 countries, the Presidents of the Commission, Council, and Parliament, 14 EU and 6 non-EU heads of state and government, 13 members of the European Commission and the largest Group in the European Parliament.

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