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Greece: EPP President welcomes positive vote on the reform package by the Parliament

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP), **Wilfried Martens**, has warmly welcomed the approval of the reform package by the Greek Parliament:

"I warmly welcome the approval of the reform package by the Greek Parliament, which follows the lines of the adjustment program agreed with the EU and the IMF. This paves the way for the EU Finance Ministers to grant further financial assistance to Greece, so that the economy is given the time to become competitive and return to growth. I am confident that all necessary decisions can be taken in the upcoming weeks," President Martens underlined.

"I deeply regret that EPP member-party Nea Demokratia did not vote in favour of the reform package. During the EPP Summit on 23 June in Brussels most leaders of our political family urged Nea Demokratia leader **Antonis Samaras** to show unity with the government during these difficult times and not to risk the deepening of the crisis in Greece and the Eurozone. The current situation calls for extraordinary measures and responsibility from politicians. We will continue to have a close dialogue with our member-party in our effort to achieve the broadest-possible majority for the reform agenda," the EPP President added.

Note to editors:

The EPP is the largest and most influential European-level political party of the centre right, which currently includes 75 member-parties from 39 countries, the Presidents of the Commission, Council, and Parliament, 17 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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