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### EPP President W. Martens meets with M. Dzurinda and I. Radicova

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP), **Wilfried Martens**, met on Tuesday 18 May 2010 with **Mikulas Dzurinda**, President of the Slovak SDKU-DS, and **Iveta Radicova**, the SDKU-DS Prime Ministerial candidate. During the meeting, they discussed the current status of the campaign for the upcoming Slovak elections and also relations between EPP member-parties:

*"The update I received on the Slovak elections is promising for the centre-right and the SDKU-DS in particular and I wished Mikulas Dzurinda and Iveta Radicova for the best possible result. During our discussion, they also reminded me of disagreements on issues of a regional nature with other EPP member-parties. In my capacity as EPP President and in the spirit of fostering good EPP inter-party relations, I will make available my best services if and when there is appropriate interest from all sides,"* underlined the EPP President.

*"I also had the opportunity to discuss the matter with Fidesz leader and Prime Minister-designate **Viktor Orban**. We came to the common conclusion that a possible initiative can only be considered after the end of the election campaign in Slovakia,"* Martens added

#### Note to editors

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