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EPP: The arrest of Ratko Mladic is a good news for Serbia and Europe

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The arrest of war crimes fugitive Ratko Mladic was welcomed by the President of the European People's Party (EPP), **Wilfried Martens**:

"The arrest of Ratko Mladic is good news for Serbia and Europe. Serbia has made an important step on the path to European integration. The full cooperation of Serbia with International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and today's arrest, are crucial in this respect," the EPP President stated.

"Ratko Mladic should be promptly transferred to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) so that justice can be served. Today, my thoughts are with the families of the tragic victims," President Martens added.

Note to editors:

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