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EPP Political Assembly discusses terrorism, democracy; congratulates Jyrki Katainen

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The Political Assembly of the European People's Party (EPP), which gathers representatives of 75 member parties, met yesterday in Brussels to review current events and to prepare future activities of the Party.

The EPP Political Assembly recognized that the death of terrorist Osama bin Laden is a significant step forward in the battle to

eradicate international terrorism.

Concerning recent elections, the EPP Political Assembly warmly welcomed the victory of Kokoomus and its leader and Vice-President of the EPP, **Jyrki Katainen**, in the elections held in Finland. Jyrki Katainen is expected to become EPP's 16th EU head of government.

Also, EPP member parties expressed their satisfaction for the beatification, last Sunday, of Pope John Paul II and underlined it is recognition to the key role which he played over decades to promote peace, democracy and reconciliation both in Europe and in the whole world.

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, 15 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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