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## **Reinfeldt: EPP congratulates historic re-election of Swedish PM Fredrik Reinfeldt and his Alliance**

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP), **Wilfried Martens**, congratulated this morning Swedish Prime Minister **Fredrik Reinfeldt** and his centre-right Alliance, which includes the Moderate (M) and Christian Democratic (KD) parties, both members of the EPP. Reinfeldt's Alliance received 49,3% and 172 seats while the red-green coalition received 43,6% and 157 seats. The Moderate party scored a historic high of 30%, while the Socialists scored their lowest result since 1914; it's the first time in a century that a centre-right government is re-elected. The far right Swedish Democrats (SD) also entered the 349 seat parliament for the first time, and PM Reinfeldt has vowed not to cooperate with them.

"I warmly congratulate PM Fredrik Reinfeldt for his historic re-election in Sweden. Reinfeldt, a prominent Prime Minister of the EPP, has received again the broad support of the Swedish people because he was able, first and foremost, to tackle effectively and convincingly the economic crisis in his country. The all time low support of the Swedish Socialists further proves that the centre-right EPP approach is the only credible approach to resolve the current economic and financial crisis in the EU and the Member States," underlined the EPP President.

"I wish PM Reinfeldt all the best in forming his new government and I look forward to personally congratulating him - together with all other EPP Prime Ministers - at the upcoming EPP Summit of 28 October 2010. Finally, I congratulate **Göran Håglund** and the Christian Democrats for their result and for their key role in the Alliance's success," Martens added.

### 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, 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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