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EPP on Ukraine: “deeply concerned by the current situation with the democratic development in the country”

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The Political Assembly of the European People's Party (EPP) has adopted a resolution which expresses its deep concern over Ukraine's democratic development and, in particular, government interference with the democratic activity of the opposition, including its sister parties

Batkivshchyna, Rukh and Our Ukraine. The EPP resolution also expresses its regret over the government's curtailment of media freedoms and interference in the work of foreign charity and other foundations (see below attached/linked resolution in [EN](#) and [UA](#)).

“The EPP is sending a clear message to Ukraine's government: do not backtrack on your country's hard earned democratic freedoms,” said **Wilfried Martens**, EPP President. “Democratic freedoms are not safeguarded by public relations' visits to European capitals by government leaders; they are safeguarded by sincere and tangible commitments to Ukrainian society,” Martens' added.

The EPP Political Assembly also reviewed the work its Ministerial Meetings and Working Groups and discussed a number of policy documents. The Political Assembly also approved the upgrade from observer to associate membership of VMRO-DPMNE from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

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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