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Portugal: EPP congratulates re-election of Cavaco Silva; socialists in poor standing

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP) **Wilfried Martens** congratulated today **Aníbal Cavaco Silva** for his sweeping victory in yesterday's presidential elections in Portugal. Cavaco Silva was supported by the PSD and CDS-PP, both member-parties of the EPP. President Cavaco Silva won 52.9 percent of the votes; PS candidate **Manuel Alegre** received only 19.7 percent of the votes:

"I would like to congratulate my good friend Aníbal Cavaco Silva for his re-election and his sweeping victory. The Portuguese electorate reiterated their confidence to President Cavaco Silva in the strongest possible way. The result also underlines his central role as a stabilizing factor in Portugal," stated the EPP President.

Moreover, EPP Vice-President and MEP **Mário David** also expressed his warm congratulations on behalf of the EPP:

"The re-election in the first round of President Cavaco Silva is a strong signal for the guarantee of credibility and statesmanship in Portugal. At the same time, the result garnered by the socialist candidate reflects the poor standing in the public opinion of the governing socialist party," David added.

Note to editors:

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