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EPP welcomes European Council conclusions; A strong political Europe for the euro and energy

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The President of the European People's Party (EPP), **Wilfried MARTENS**, welcomed this evening the conclusions of the European Council:

"I welcome the conclusions of the European Council and I am particularly pleased that they largely reflect the positions developed within the EPP through our Ministerial meetings: democratic transition in Egypt; a stable, sustainable, affordable and secure energy; the strengthening of economic coordination. The wide range of issues discussed today underlines the importance of acting at the EU level and the significance of preparation and coordination on a political level, led by the EPP.

"Specifically, the EPP fully supports the initiative to reinforce economic coordination in order to improve European Union competitiveness and in this respect I welcome the extraordinary Eurozone Summit, which will take place in March.

"Earlier this week, the [EPP Foreign Ministers called](#) for a peaceful transition process in Egypt and expressed their support for the reforms towards democracy. I am pleased that their views were reflected in today's conclusions of the European Council.

"Regarding energy, achieving stable, sustainable, affordable and secure energy is a goal shared by the EPP. This cannot be done without an integrated market, and a diversified energy-mix including renewables, appropriate connections and modern infrastructure. International cooperation, especially in the framework of the Neighbourhood policy, will be key to ensure security of supply," the EPP President concluded.

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, 14 EU and 5 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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