



EPP RESOLUTION ON CROATIA'S NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION

The Heads of Government and Party Leaders of the European People's Party congratulate the Republic of Croatia for the significant progress achieved in the accession negotiations with the European Union, which have now entered into their decisive phase.

The EPP welcomes the European Commission's decision to present an indicative Roadmap for concluding the technical negotiations with Croatia in 2009, provided the conditions are met.

In this respect, the EPP looks forward to the next Inter-Governmental Conference, to be held on 19 December 2008, which should reflect the progress already made by Croatia. The EPP calls upon all its members to renew their adherence to a negotiating process based on the fulfillment of objective criteria and free from the interference of bilateral issues.