



PRESS RELEASE

Brussels, 11th January

EPP PREPARES NEXT CONGRESS IN ROME TO GIVE A NEW IMPETUS TO THE EU

The European People's Party (EPP) is preparing its next Congress (30 and 31 March in Rome) with the goal, among others, of giving a new impetus to the European Union (EU).

The EPP Political Bureau met in Brussels and prepared the debate to be held at its Rome Congress on the main concerns of the European citizens.

“The European leaders agreed in December the financial perspectives 2007 – 2013 with the decisive participation of the German Chancellor Angela Merkel and other EPP leaders. One of the next challenges is to rejuvenate the European Constitution project”, EPP President Wilfried Martens said.

Mr. Martens is convinced that Austrian Chancellor and current EU President, Wolfgang Schüssel “will give a fresh impetus to the European project and EPP will support him”.

As a first step to inform the press and the public opinion on the next Congress, the EPP has launched a website (www.eppcongress2006.org) where relevant documents and information will be available.

For further information:

Javier Jiménez

EPP Press Service

67, rue d'Arlon. B-1040 Brussels

Tel: + 32 2 285 41 56

Mobil: + 32 475 480 446

Fax: + 32 2 285 41 41

jjimenez@epp-eu.org