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Press Release

The President of the European People's Party (EPP), **Wilfried Martens**, made the following statement on 9 October 2007 for the upcoming elections in Romania:

“In light of the upcoming European elections in Romania scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2007, the EPP looks forward to a positive result for its Romanian member parties: the Democratic Party (DP), the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (DAHR) and PNTCD. The EPP expects to win the majority of the seats allocated to Romania in the European Parliament.

Furthermore, the independent candidate, **Bishop László Tőkés**, is a close friend of the EPP and if elected as MEP, he has committed himself to join the EPP section of the EPP-ED Group in the European Parliament. Thus, the EPP has a positive attitude towards the candidature of Bishop Tőkés.”

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## Appeal

On 25 November 2007, 35 Romanian representatives will be selected to represent Romania in the European Parliament in the elections.

**Restrictive regulations say that independent candidates are not entitled to send observers to the polling stations.** However, the vast majority of candidates run on behalf of political parties – only one independent candidate having been registered, namely Bishop László Tőkés.

The campaign staff of the independent candidate has been submitting requests to the competent authorities asking for the amendment of these discriminatory regulations. The campaign staff of the independent candidate also wrote to State President Traian Băsescu for asking his support in this respect. There has been no change regarding the restriction. Analysts and NGOs warned about the danger that the fair and democratic character of the EP elections will be seriously harmed as the right to monitor and control the election process is not assured for **all entities** running in the elections.

The Central Electoral Committee gave a written answer which states that due the regulations on the EP elections the independent candidate staff has no right to send members neither to the Central Electoral Committee, nor to the county electoral committees, nor in the polling stations; have no right to monitor the procedure of counting the votes; and has no right to ask for permanent electoral lists (*Enclosure: answer faxed by the Central Electoral Committee*).

The upcoming European Parliament elections are important events for the Romanian society. **Thus we are asking for your intervention to possibly remedy this obvious case of democracy deficit. We might also like to request observers on behalf of EU institutions and EP fractions for the 25 November 2007 elections in Romania.**

Sincerely,

Zsolt SZILÁGYI,  
Chief of Campaign of László Tőkés

8 November 2007, Oradea (Romania)



**Erdélyi Magyar Nemzeti Tanács**  
Hungarian National Council of Transylvania

27 November 2007

To His Excellency  
**Wilfried Martnes**  
President of the European People's Party (EPP)

Dear President,

I would hereby like to inform you that at the 25 November 2007 elections in Romania for the European Parliament, I received a mandate as the only independent candidate with 3.5% of the total votes.

May I appreciate your support with your personal visit to Bucharest during the EP election campaign. I would also like to thank you for your Statement of 9 October 2007 about the positive attitude of the EPP towards my candidature.

I look very much forward to meeting you soon.

Sincerely,

Bishop László Tőkés,  
President of the Hungarian National Council of Transylvania



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Hungarian National Council of Transylvania

27 November 2007

To His Excellency  
**Joseph Daul**  
President of the EPP-ED Group in the European Parliament

Dear President,

I would hereby like to inform you that at the 25 November 2007 elections in Romania for the European Parliament, I **received a mandate** as the only independent candidate with 3.5% of the total votes.

I have already thanked EPP President Wilfried Martens for his Statement of 9 October 2007 about the positive attitude of the EPP towards my independent candidature. Indeed, during personal meetings I committed myself to join the EPP section of the EPP-ED Group in the European Parliament.

**This is to formally ask my acceptance into the EPP section of the EPP-ED Group.**

I look very much forward to meeting you soon.

Sincerely,

Bishop László Tőkés,  
President of the Hungarian National Council of Transylvania

## **Communiqué** on the Elections for the European Parliament

Being informed about the preliminary results of the elections for the European Parliament, first and foremost, I intend to **express my gratitude** to all those who have honoured me with their votes and elected me to be their representative in the European Parliament. I the same time, I wish to thank to the organizations and personalities supporting my election, the church district I belong to and the outstanding campaign team led by **Zsolt Szilágyi**. Furthermore, I am grateful to each and every person who participated and contributed to this election campaign. I consider my election a shared victory of the whole Transylvanian Hungarian community.

On 25 November 2007 **democracy** won in our Transylvanian Hungarian society. Our Hungarian community seized the opportunity created by the principle of democratic competition, and – with their participation rate being much higher than that of the Romanian majority – they once again confirmed their claim to the freedom of elections.

The false prophecies about the “division amongst Hungarians” and the eventual “failure of Transylvanian Hungarian representation in the European Parliament” were not fulfilled. Once their demagogue campaign was exposed it was also revealed that setting and playing off the *patriotic* and *democratic* values against one another, i.e. the national integrity against the democratic standards of free elections was nothing else but a ruinous blunder. The simultaneous election of the Democratic Alliance of the Hungarians in Romania (DAHR) representatives into the EP doubly disproved the above mentioned false politics. The results confirmed **Viktor Orbán**'s political rationalism, who, while on his Transylvanian election campaign tour cautioned our community against assuming the “*dare to be small*” ideology – suffering from lack of self-confidence – in our preparation period.

At the EP elections – **18** years after the beginning of the change of regime – the Hungarians of Transylvania proved their **political maturity** and readiness to be called Europeans. They seized the freedom of their conscious and succeeded in obtaining the liberty of a democratic election. They did not confuse party interests with national ones. The fact that, in a general context, they put up resistance against demagogue machinations underlines their political readiness. The Hungarian community has entered adulthood since they managed to set themselves free from the guardianship of the post-communist Hungarian party, the DAHR. The Hungarian public life and politics in Romania have discovered a way out from the perpetual crisis and voted for a **change**.

The elections of 24 November 2007, **18** years after the fall of the Romanian dictatorship, put an end to the Romanian Hungarian one-party system represented by the DAHR. Subsequently, the so-called “**Markó doctrine**” also failed which used to identify the Hungarian community with the DAHR.

Simultaneously, the elections connote a victory over those **fears** which have crept back into our small society. The Transylvanian Hungarian electorate dared to vote despite the threats, intimidations, material and administrative pressures and even blackmailing. The fact that they could not be either bought or bribed emphasizes their moral maturity, and, all in all, they ranked their national values and interests before material goods.

Enjoying the trust and confidence I was empowered with and holding the European Parliament mandate I define the following essential tasks to represent and facilitate:

- Overall advancement to European standards of the Central and East European countries belonging to the ex-soviet zone
- Romania's authentic integration into the EU and its becoming a true European state
- Transylvania's European integration: the autonomy of the Transylvanian Hungarian community; territorial autonomy for the Szekler Land, based upon the principles of subsidiarity and local-government
- The spiritual reintegration of Hungarians throughout the Carpathian basin, as an organic part of the European integration
- Christian Europe! Integration in faith, ideas and soul

Besides representation in the European Parliament it is also imperative in home affairs **to reform** the Hungarian political and public life, as well as carrying into effect the “**change of regime**” that figured on the schedule of negotiations between DAHR and the other Transylvanian Hungarian organisation, in August 2007 (*Dialogue for the Purification and Renewal of the Hungarian Transylvanian Representational Policy – in Transylvanian Monitor No 32*). In our political and public life introspection, purification and revival are required, as well as **joining forces** for the upcoming general elections that are to take place in 2008. This is the unique way for the representation of our mutual national interests and benefits and for accomplishing the objectives of our communal strategy.

Therefore, I suggest resuming the **negotiations** that came to a standstill on 6 September 2007. Furthermore, I recommend the establishment of the **Hungarian Transylvanian Examinatorial Authority** and the elaboration of the Transylvanian mutual public **concord**.

According to the teachings of the **Word** it is worth building a house only on rocks. Those dwellings built on quicksand shall be crushed by the storms of history and society (Matthew 7, 24-27). We are supposed to work for a **Europe**, which is founded upon Christian and democratic virtues, and wherein our country and the future of our Hungarian community find their solid basis.

Nagyvárad/Oradea, 26 November 2007

László Tőkés  
Member of the European Parliament

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The banner features a portrait of László Tőkés on the left. To the right of the portrait, the text reads "Tőkés László" and "the European Representative of Transylvanian Hungarians". In the top right corner, there are three small flags: Hungary, Romania, and the European Union. Below the main text, there are two yellow buttons with white text: "Biography" and "Documents". A handwritten signature "Tőkés László" is visible in the bottom left corner of the banner area.

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