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Martin SCHULZ, EP President meets with Emomalii RAHMON, President of Tajikistan:

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- arrival and roundtable - extracts from the press statement Background: President Martin SCHULZ met this morning with Emomalii RAHMON, President of Tajikistan. This meeting comes after the accession of this country to the World Trade Organisation for which Tajikistan had to accomplish hard reforms. The EU helped them with these reforms and it encourages the President to continue its efforts, especially enhancing reforms in areas concerning human rights and freedoms of media, religion and association. The EU is also aware of Tajikistan's critical energy needs, and encourages the country to set a sector reform focusing in solutions discussed with its international partners, notably the World Bank.

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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	Exterior shot of the European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium (1 shot)	00:00:05
00:00:10	Exterior, Martin SCHULZ, EP President welcomes Emomalii RAHMON, President of Tajikistan, photo opportunity, (3 shots)	00:00:25
00:00:35	Interior, walk towards the meeting room, Tour de table of the meeting Martin SCHULZ, EP President and Mr RAHMON, President of Tajikistan, (4 shots)	00:00:35
00:01:10	Signature in the Guest book by Emomalii RAHMON, President of Tajikistan, (2 shots)	00:00:22
00:01:32	Two shot, Press Point, Martin SCHULZ, EP President with Emomalii RAHMON, President of Tajikistan, (2 shots)	00:00:06
00:01:38	Press Point: SOUNDBITE (German): Martin SCHULZ, EP President : We express the wish of free and fair elections, we spoke also about the espect of Human Rights and the independence of the juridical system.	00:00:08

00:01:46	Press Point: SOUNDBITE (German): Martin SCHULZ, EP President : I'm very grateful about the very detailed information given by the President about the problematic relations in the region.	00:00:10
00:01:56	Press Point: SOUNDBITE (German): Martin SCHULZ, EP President : The withdrawal of the troops out of Afghanistan plays for us as for Tajikistan a very important role.	00:00:07
00:02:03	Press Point: SOUNDBITE (Tadjik): Emomalii RAHMON, President of Tadjikistan (answering a journalist question how he would make sure that there are free and fair elections in Tadjikistan): "Indeed in 2013 Tajikistan has to conduct this Presidential elections and I personally have not decided yet to go for elections or not, but I tell you an important thing that as a President of Tajikistan, I'm a mayor guarantee of the Constitution of the country, I will guarantee that the next Presidential elections which will be held in 2013 will be conducted in a free, fair and transparent manner."	00:00:35
00:02:38	2 cut away shots	00:00:02
00:02:40	END	00:00:00

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