

France supports Poland for EU veto rights

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PARIS -- Polish President Lech Kaczynski said French President Nicolas Sarkozy supported Warsaw's idea to include veto rights in a new European Union's treaty. Kaczynski, meeting with Sarkozy in Paris, said he won French support for a "blocking mechanism" to be inserted in the revised EU treaty, the radio reported Tuesday. The mechanism would grant Poland the right to veto decisions that might be contrary to their national interests. Once the clause on EU voting veto rights was included in the treaty, it would be hard to change it as it would require a long process of ratification by all EU member countries, the radio said. Poland has threatened it will use a veto to any EU deal if its voting rights are reduced. Kaczynski is to meet German Chancellor Angela Merkel this week to discuss the revised treaty before it is submitted to the EU leaders' summit Oct. 18-19 in Lisbon, Portugal.

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