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**Javier SOLANA,  
EU High Representative for the CFSP,  
appoints Mrs Riina KIONKA as  
his Personal Representative for Human Rights**

Javier SOLANA, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), has decided to appoint as of today Mrs Riina KIONKA as his Personal Representative for Human Rights.

Mrs Riina KIONKA was, until her appointment, working in the Directorate dealing with Human rights. Before joining the General Secretariat of the Council, Mrs KIONKA was Undersecretary for EU affairs at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Estonia.

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## Curriculum vitae Riina Ruth Kionka

Born 29 decembre 1960  
Married, two children  
Avocation: music (trumpet)



### **Education**

2000	Ph.D. in International Relations (Soviet Studies), Columbia University in New York
1987	Certificate of Completion, Harriman Institute for Advanced Soviet Studies, Columbia University
1986	MA in International Relations (Soviet Studies), Columbia University
1983	BA in International Relations and German Literature, Michigan State University

### **Professional**

29 Jan 2007-	Personal Representative of the SG/HR on Human Rights in the area of CFSP and Head of Human Rights Unit, EU Council Secretariat
Jul 2005 – Jan 2007	Head of Unit deputising for Director of DGE IV (Americas, Counterterrorism, UN, Human Rights) , EU Council Secretariat
Aug 2004 – Jul 2005	Undersecretary for EU Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Estonia
Sep 2000 – Jul 2004	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Estonia in Germany
Jun 2000 – Aug 2000	Counsellor, Policy Planning Dept, MFA of Estonia
Sep 1995- Aug 1996	Political Director, MFA of Estonia
Mar 1993- Aug 1995	Chief of Policy Planning, MFA of Estonia
Sep 1989 – Feb 1993	Research Analyst for Estonian Affairs, Radio Free Europe-Radio Liberty Research Institute, Munich
1987	Adjunct assistant professor of International Affairs, Queens College, CUNY
1983	Adjunct assistant professor of German, Michigan State University

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