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**Javier SOLANA,
EU High Representative for the CFSP,
appoints General Pierre-Michel JOANA
as Special Advisor for African peacekeeping capabilities**

Javier SOLANA, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) made today the following statement on the appointment of Pierre-Michel JOANA as Special Advisor for African peacekeeping capabilities:

"The EU attaches great importance to strengthening the partnership between Africa and the EU in the field of African capabilities for the prevention management and resolution of conflicts. This is in line with the EU-Africa joint strategy adopted last December in Lisbon, of which peace and security is a key dimension.

In that context I have appointed General Pierre-Michel Joana as Special Advisor for African peacekeeping capabilities. General Joana will play a key role in coordinating all related activities within the Council Secretariat, in close cooperation with the European Commission but also with African partners, in particular the African Union, and international stakeholders. In carrying out his mission General Joana will also liaise closely with Koen Vervaeke, the EU Special Representative to the African Union recently established in Addis Ababa.

Thanks to his in-depth knowledge of Africa and his long experience on the ground, including in his latest position as Head of the EUSEC RD Congo mission, General Joana will be perfectly suited to these new responsibilities."

Attached: CVs of Pierre-Michel Joana.

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Special Advisor for African peacekeeping capabilities



Born: 6.10.1946

Status: married

Rank: Major General

Education: Saint-Cyr and School of Infantry (Montpellier)

Professional experience:

As from 1 March 2008: Special Advisor to EU High Representative Javier Solana for African peacekeeping capabilities.

Coordination, within the Council Secretariat and with the European Commission, African partners and international actors, of activities related to African Capacities Building in the field of prevention management and conflict resolution.

2005-2008: Head of the EUSEC RD Congo mission. EU advisory and assistance mission for security reform in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Before 2005: different positions of command and responsibility in the French Army, including in Madagascar, Cameroon, Chad, Somalia, Rwanda and Côte d'Ivoire.
