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**Javier SOLANA,
EU High Representative for the CFSP,
today met Jorge SAMPAIO,
High Representative for the Alliance of Civilisations**

Javier SOLANA, European Union High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), today met Jorge SAMPAIO, High Representative for the Alliance of Civilisations.

The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss the current state of play of the activities of the Alliance of Civilisation, particularly the follow-up on the concrete results of the Madrid Forum of January 2008.

Mr SOLANA and Mr SAMPAIO exchanged views on how the EU and the AoC can further their cooperation in a comprehensive, yet concrete and result-oriented manner. Special attention was given to the potential of two major AoC projects: The On-line Clearing House initiative and the Rapid Response Media Mechanism. The discussion also touched upon the potential of a closer cooperation between the AoC and the Barcelona Process, including the ideas about a Union for the Mediterranean.

The High Representative reiterated the EU's support and commitment to the Alliance and commended Mr SAMPAIO for his efforts of turning the promises of the Alliance into deliverables.

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