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PRESS INFORMATION

**Javier SOLANA,
EU High Representative for the CFSP,
to visit The Hague**

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Javier SOLANA, European Union High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), will travel to The Hague on Thursday, 23 November 2006, for a series of meetings and to receive the Carnegie-Wateler Peace Prize 2006.

HR Solana will be received by HM Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands for a private audience. After that, HR Solana will address the Carnegie Foundation at the Peace Palace where he will receive the Peace Prize.

During his visit, the High Representative will also meet the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Bernard Bot and the Minister for Development Cooperation, Mrs Agnes Van Aardenne. HR Solana will also have a meeting with the joint session of the committees on International Affairs, Defence and EU of the Dutch House of Representatives.

The discussion will focus on the following issues: Russia, EU-NATO relations, Afghanistan, the Middle East, the Balkans and Africa (in particular Sudan).

Every two years, the Carnegie-Wateler Prize is presented to a person or institution that has championed international peace in a noteworthy manner. The prize has been granted to HR Solana because of his incessant efforts towards international peace and security as a representative of the European Union.