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**Javier SOLANA,
EU High Representative for the CFSP,
welcomes General Håkan SYRÉN
as the new Chairman of the EU Military Committee**

Javier SOLANA, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), welcomes General Håkan SYRÉN as the new Chairman of the EU Military Committee (EUMC). The ceremony for the handover of the chairmanship from General BENTEGEAT takes place today. General Håkan SYRÉN will effectively assume his new functions as from Friday, 6 November 2009. Mr Solana today made the following comments:

"I would like to congratulate General Håkan Syrén on taking up his duties as the new Chairman of the EU Military Committee. With the long and extensive experience he has acquired in the Swedish Navy and positions of high responsibility in the Swedish Armed Forces, General Håkan Syrén is ideally suited to take on his new duties as Chairman of the EUMC, the highest military body set up within the Council. He may count on my full support and that of the European Union."

As he already did on the farewell reception in honour of General Henri Bentegeat, Mr Solana once again warmly thanked the outgoing EUMC Chairman for his excellent work. *"General Bentegeat has made a critical contribution to the development and success of ESDP. I wish him good luck after a prodigious military career of 44 years, serving his country and serving Europe"* said Mr Solana.

Attached:

- CV of General Håkan Syrén

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