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

from Tuesday, 3 November to Friday, 6 November 2009

Javier SOLANA, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), will visit Washington from Tuesday, 3 November to Friday, 6 November 2009.

On Tuesday, 3 November 2009, Mr. Solana will participate in the EU-US Summit. Discussions will focus on the economic and financial crisis, climate change and other international issues such as the situation in Afghanistan and Pakistan, the latest developments in Iran and the Iranian nuclear file. The High Representative will also attend a working lunch hosted by Vice-President Biden.

On Wednesday, 4 November 2009, the High Representative will participate in the EU-US Foreign Ministers meeting that will discuss in particular the situation in the Middle East, the latest developments in Afghanistan and Pakistan, Iran and relations with Russia.

Mr. Solana will also participate in the newly established EU-US Energy Council. The aim of the Council is to deepen cooperation on energy security issues, including through the promotion of open markets, renewables and new infrastructure projects leading to greater diversification of gas routes and sources.

On Thursday, 5 November, and Friday, 6 November 2009, Mr. Solana will participate in the Munich Security Conference that will engage in a substantive discussion on issues pertaining to trans-Atlantic security.

During his trip to Washington, High Representative Solana will also have a number of bilateral contacts with US authorities.

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