



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Brussels, 2 June 2009
S141/09

**Javier SOLANA,
EU High Representative for the CFSP,
met Seretse Khama Ian KHAMA,
President of Botswana**

Javier SOLANA, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) met Seretse Khama Ian KHAMA, President of Botswana today.

The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss the latest developments in Botswana and the Southern African region as well as EU-Botswana relations. Mr SOLANA praised the President for the development of a stable democracy in Botswana since independence. This was clearly visible through his dynamic leadership which impacted positively the whole region.

The High Representative and the President discussed the current situation in Madagascar and Zimbabwe in particular, and the role of the SADC (Southern African Development Community) in these two countries. The EU follows very closely the developments in Zimbabwe and reiterates its full support to the people of Zimbabwe in the areas of Humanitarian Aid and Development. Mr. SOLANA praised the support of Botswana for the ICC, as one of the African signatories of the Rome Treaty.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS:
Spokesperson of the Secretary General, High Representative for CFSP
■ +32 (0)2 281 6467 / 5150 / 5151 ☎ +32 (0)2 281 5694
internet: <http://www.consilium.europa.eu/solana>
e-mail: presse.cabinet@consilium.europa.eu