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**Javier SOLANA,  
EU High Representative for the CFSP,  
welcomes the appointment of Kees KLOMPENHOUWER  
as EU Civilian Operations Commander**

Javier SOLANA, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), congratulated Mr Kees KLOMPENHOUWER today on his appointment as EU Civilian Operations Commander and Director of the Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (CPCC) at the Council of the European Union:

*"I would like to congratulate Kees Klompenhouwer on his appointment as the Civilian Operations Commander and Director of CPCC. In this capacity, he will exercise command and control at strategic level for the planning and conduct of all civilian crisis management operations.*

*Mr Klompenhouwer brings considerable expertise to his role as Civilian Operations Commander. In the accomplishment of his tasks, he will have my full support and that of the European Union as a whole."*

Mr Klompenhouwer addressed the Ambassadors of the Political and Security Committee for the first time today and presented the main priorities of his new function.

Background

Mr. Kees Klompenhouwer, whose appointment took effect on 1 May 2008, will exercise command and control at strategic level for the planning and conduct of all civilian crisis management operations, under the political control and strategic direction of the Political and Security Committee (PSC) and the overall authority of the Secretary-General/High Representative for the CFSP (SG/HR). He will also direct the Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (CPCC) which was established in August 2007 in the General Secretariat of the Council. CPCC currently totals 60 staff including Council officials, senior police, rule of law and support services national experts.

The Director of CPCC also has functional authority over planning capabilities and expertise contributed by the European Union Military Staff (EUMS) through its Civil/Military Cell and over the Watchkeeping Capability as far as their support to civilian operations is concerned.

CPCC has a mandate to plan and conduct civilian European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP) operations under the political control and strategic direction of the Political and Security Committee; to provide assistance and advice to the SG/HR, the Presidency and the relevant EU Council bodies and to direct, coordinate, advise, support, supervise and review civilian ESDP operations. CPCC works in close cooperation with the European Commission.

The following civilian ESDP missions have been launched or are planned: EUPM (Bosnia and Herzegovina), EULEX Kosovo, EUPOL RD Congo, EU SSR Guinea Bissau, EUBAM Rafah (Palestine), EUPOL COPPS (Palestine), EUJUST LEX (Iraq) and EUPOL Afghanistan.

*Attached: CV of Kees Klompenhouwer*

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## **Kees Jan René KLOMPENHOUWER**

Place and date of birth: Switzerland, 1954

Nationality: Dutch and French

Married to Joosje, three children



### **Education**

MA Economics 1979, Erasmus University Rotterdam (The Netherlands)

Fluent Dutch, English and French. Good German and Spanish. Moderate knowledge of Serbo-Croat and Russian.

### **Professional experience**

9/ 2006 - Director East- and South Eastern Europe Department  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague, The Netherlands

2002- 9/2006 Director for Foreign Intelligence  
General Intelligence and Security Service (AIVD)

1999-2002 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Serbia, Belgrade

1995-1999 Defense Counsellor, The Netherlands Permanent Mission to NATO, Brussels

1992-1995 Head Military Cooperation Section, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague

1987-1992 First Secretary ; The Netherlands Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva

1983-1987 Policy Officer European Union Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague

1980-1983 United Nations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague

1979-1980 Research Institute for Management Science Delft ,The Netherlands  
Lecturer in economics for students from developing countries.

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