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PRESS INFORMATION

**Javier SOLANA,
EU High Representative for the CFSP,**

**to meet with Gijs de VRIES,
Counter-Terrorism Coordinator**

Brussels, 30 March 2004

Javier SOLANA, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), will welcome Mr Gijs DE VRIES in his office, on Tuesday, 30 March 2004.

Mr de Vries was appointed as Counter-Terrorism Coordinator shortly before the European Council last week. Mr De Vries will work within the Council Secretariat and under the authority of High Representative Javier Solana.

12:15 Press Point with HR Solana and Mr de Vries at the "VIP Entrance" of the Council of the European Union.

See Mr de Vries' cv attached

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GIJS M. de VRIES

General

Born New York (NY), 22/02/1956
Civil State married, two children
Nationality Dutch
Education MA, Political Science, University of Leiden, The Netherlands (1981)
Postdoctoral Summer School, European University Institute, Florence (1981)
Leadership Seminar, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Washington DC (1993)

Career History

Current Ambassador of The Netherlands, The Hague
2002-2003 Representative of the Government of The Netherlands at the Convention on the Future of the European Union, Brussels
1998-2002 Deputy Minister of the Interior, The Hague
1994-1998 Leader of the Liberal and Democratic Group in the European Parliament
1984-1994 Member of the European Parliament

- Chairman of the Atlantic Association of The Netherlands (1991-1997)
- Chairman of the European Parliament's Delegation for Relations with Canada (1989-1992)
- Co-founder of the Transatlantic Policy Network (1992)

1981-1984 Member of the Leiden City Council
1981-1984 Lecturer in International Relations, Faculty of Law, University of Leiden, The Netherlands

Honours

1996 Commander in the Order of Merit of the Hellenic Republic