



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Brussels, 24 January 2008
S030/08

**Javier SOLANA,
EU High Representative for the CFSP,
spoke today on the phone with Mahmoud ABBAS,
President of the Palestinian Authority,
on the situation in Gaza**

Javier SOLANA, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), spoke today on the phone with Mahmoud ABBAS, President of the Palestinian Authority, to discuss the very serious situation in Gaza.

Mr Solana told President Abbas that the EU was deeply concerned at the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Gaza and was calling urgently for the blockade on Gaza to be eased in order to allow humanitarian aid to reach the people.

Javier Solana also said that Hamas had to stop the rocket attacks across the border which endanger the lives of innocent civilians in Israel.

The High Representative added that the EU would continue to follow the situation in Gaza and on the Gaza border very closely and that he would keep in contact with the President of the Palestinian Authority as well as other leaders in the region, including the Secretary-General of the Arab League, Amr Moussa.

The EU continues to urge the parties to the Middle East peace talks to do their utmost to meet the commitments they made at the Annapolis Conference and to advance on the path to a negotiated settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that was set out in Annapolis.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS:

Spokesperson of the Secretary General, High Representative for CFSP

■ +32 (0)2 281 6467 / 5150 / 5151 / 8239 ☎ +32 (0)2 281 5694

internet: <http://www.consilium.europa.eu/solana>

e-mail: presse.cabinet@consilium.europa.eu