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**Javier SOLANA,  
EU High Representative for the CFSP,  
met Hanif ATMAR,  
Afghan Minister of the Interior**

**Javier SOLANA, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), had a meeting today with Hanif ATMAR, Minister of the Interior of Afghanistan.**

**Mr SOLANA and Mr ATMAR discussed the cooperation between the EU and Afghanistan in the area of internal security, particularly police reform and the work of EUPOL Afghanistan.**

**Mr ATMAR outlined the main challenges facing the Ministry of the Interior which he had taken over five weeks ago. The High Representative emphasised the central role of the minister, personally, in implementing the necessary reforms in the ministry and in the police and stressed that Mr ATMAR had the EU's full support in his efforts. Mr SOLANA noted the commitment of the international community to Afghanistan as showed at the NATO Summit in Bucharest and the Support Meeting in Paris. In this respect, he underlined the importance of good governance.**

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