EU-Latin America, Caribbean and regional Summits
to be held in Spain, 16-19 May 2010

**Background briefing**
Wednesday 12 May, at 10h30
Lipsius room, Justus Lipsius building

At invitation of Prime Minister of Spain, José Luis Rodriguez ZAPATERO, leaders from the EU and the Latin America and Caribbean countries meet in Spain from 16 to 19 May to hold political dialogues at the highest level. These Summits will be an opportunity for addressing key global issues such as the global economy, the new international financial architecture and climate change.

The European Union will be represented by Herman Van ROMPUY, President of the European Council, and José Manuel BARROSO, President of the European Commission. High Representative/Vice-President, Catherine ASHTON and Commissioner Karel DE GUCHT will also participate.

**EU-LAC Summit and regional Summits:**

**Santander**
16 May
EU-Mexico Summit

**Madrid**
17 May
EU-Chile Summit
EU-Cariforum Summit
EU-Mercosur Summit

18 May
EU-Latin America and the Caribbean Summit

19 May
EU-Andean Community Summit
EU-Central America Summit

*Video coverage of the trip and meetings will be available for download in broadcast quality from:*