

Summit Announcement

Mr. Yoshiro Mori, Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Jacques Chirac in his capacity as President of the European Council assisted by the Council Secretary General/High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy Mr. Javier Solana, and Mr. Romano Prodi, President of the European Commission will hold the 9th EU-Japan Summit on 19 July in Tokyo.

Mr. Yohei Kono, Foreign Minister of Japan, Mr. François Huwart, French Secretary of State for Foreign Trade, Mr. Chris Patten, European Commissioner for External Relations and Mr. Pascal Lamy, European Commissioner for Trade will also participate in the Summit meeting.

The Annual EU - Japan Summit is based on the Joint Declaration on relations between the European Community and its Member States and Japan of 18 July 1991 and will cover the evolution of political and economic relations between the EU and Japan, the respective economic situations as well as the international situation.

The leaders want to take account of the significant changes which occurred in the international community and the progress achieved in their bilateral relations since the signing of the Joint Declaration, and plan an exchange of views on ways to further develop cooperation between the EU and Japan.