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High Representative Catherine Ashton appoints new Head of EU Delegation to Turkey

Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice President of the Commission, announced today the appointment of the new Head of the EU Delegation to Turkey.¹

Stefano MANSERVISI is a senior European Commission official of Italian nationality with considerable experience of external relations matters. He is currently the Commission's Director-General for Home Affairs. Before that, he was Director-General for Development (2004-2010), Head of Cabinet to President Prodi (2001-2004), and Deputy Head of Cabinet to Commissioner Monti (1995-2000).

High Representative Catherine Ashton said: *"I am delighted to announce the appointment of this excellent candidate to this key job in the European External Action Service. His talent and expertise are significant assets for the EU's external action and I look forward to working with him in his new role"*.

For more information

The EU's relations with Turkey: http://eeas.europa.eu/turkey/index_en.htm

¹ To complete appointment, an accreditation request for a new Head of Delegation is sent to the host country. The selected candidate can take up duty once accreditation of the host country has been granted.

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