



Brussels, 08 April 2014
140408/05

P R E S S R E L E A S E

High Representative Catherine Ashton appoints new Directors for Crisis management and Planning (CMPD) and for Human rights and Democracy.

Brussels, 08 April 2014 – Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice President of the Commission, announced today the appointments of two new Directors in the European External Action Service (EEAS): for Crisis management and Planning and for Human rights and Democracy.

Gábor Iklódy (HU) has been appointed as Director for Crisis management and Planning (CMPD). Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Security Challenges, he chaired the NATO-wide Cyber Defence Management Board and the Terrorism Task Force and was Head of NATO/WEU Department. He has previously served as Hungarian Ambassador in Sweden and Norway and has also been Director General for European Political Cooperation and Deputy Head of OSCE Mission.

Silvio Gonzato (IT) has been appointed as Director for Human rights and Democracy. He is currently heading the Secretariat of the Committee on Foreign Affairs in the European Parliament and has an extensive background as an EP advisor and administrator in the areas of external relations, human rights, employment and social affairs.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS:

Michael Mann +32 498 999 780 - +32 2 584 9780 - Michael.Mann@eeas.europa.eu @EUHighRepSpox
Maja Kocijancic +32 498 984 425 - +32 2 298 65 70 - Maja.Kocijancic@ec.europa.eu @AshtonSpox Maja

Sebastien Brabant +32 460 75 09 98 - Sebastien.Brabant@ec.europa.eu

Eamonn Prendergast +32 460 75 32 93 - Eamonn.Prendergast@ec.europa.eu

Follow us on Twitter @eu_eas

www.facebook.com/EuropeanExternalActionService

www.eeas.europa.eu

EN

High Representative Catherine Ashton said: *"I am delighted to announce the appointments of these excellent candidates to key jobs in the EEAS. Their talent and expertise are significant assets for the EU's external action and I look forward to working with them in their new role"*.

For more information

http://eeas.europa.eu/csdp/structures-instruments-agencies/cmpd/index_en.htm

http://eeas.europa.eu/human_rights/index_en.htm
