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Statement by
Javier SOLANA,
EU High Representative for the CFSP,
after his meeting in Berlin with
Dr Ali LARIJANI,
Secretary-General of the Iranian Supreme National Security Council

Javier SOLANA, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), met Ali LARIJANI, Secretary-General of the Iranian Supreme National Security Council, on Wednesday, 27 and Thursday, 28 September 2006 to discuss the Iranian nuclear issue.

Mr SOLANA made the following statement to the press after the talks:

"First of all, I would like to thank the Government of Germany for its hospitality in offering us this wonderful place to have the meeting.

We have had the opportunity of being together for several hours and of working with great intensity. We have been progressing. We have made some important progress on the elements relating to how the potential negotiations can take place. There are still important issues that have not been closed. But we will keep in touch and in the middle of next week we will have contacts, maybe by telephone, because we want to maintain the level of contact that we have had so far.

I want to thank Dr Larijani for working so hard and so long, even during Ramadan."