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Summary of remarks by
Javier SOLANA,
EU High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy
at the meeting with Dr Ali LARIJANI,
Secretary-General of the Iranian Supreme National Security Council
Ankara, 25 and 26 April 2007

Javier SOLANA, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), met Dr Ali LARIJANI, Secretary-General of the Iranian Supreme National Security Council, on Wednesday, 25 and Thursday, 26 April 2007 in Ankara. The meeting provided an opportunity to prepare formal negotiations between the international community and Iran.

The following is a summary of comments Mr Solana made during and after the talks:

"We have not been in a position to make a great breakthrough during this visit to Ankara. But we hope we will be able to continue.

We have tried to understand each other better, and that without any doubt is a very fundamental part of the resolution of the problem – to understand each other's positions better.

Our talks were constructive and conducted in a very good atmosphere. We did not enter into any specific discussions. They constitute only preparatory work that could lead back to formal negotiations. We have moved on in general terms and some progress has been made.

As you know, the situation is difficult. We have not made miracles but have tried to move the dossier forward a little bit."

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