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Internet Forum on South East Europe

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Q&As with Javier Solana

The Center for Democracy and Reconciliation in Southeast Europe (CDRSEE) invites the citizens of the Western Balkans to a unique opportunity to discuss their problems and concerns with the Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union and High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) **Javier Solana**. HR Solana has agreed to take questions from citizens of the Western Balkans and provide answers to their inquiries.

Interested individuals should visit the webpage www.see-future.org, click on the relevant banner and submit their question. CDRSEE will then make a selection and pose the questions directly to HR Solana. Mr. Solana's answers will be posted on the Internet Forum.

This initiative follows a similar online chat with Dr. Erhard Busek, Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, that took place on November 17, 2003, and was very successful. If you are interested to read the transcript, please visit http://www.cdsee.org/chat_busek.html

The Internet Forum was initiated in January 2003 as a platform to discuss the issues of South East Europe leading to the 'Reconciling for the Future' workshop that took place in Thessaloniki in April 2003. The Forum is currently sponsored by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The Western Balkans (Albania, FY Republic of Macedonia, Croatia, Serbia-Montenegro, Bosnia-Herzegovina) is a region that still faces important challenges such as the lack of genuine peace, underdevelopment, unemployment and is lately the focus of the international community. CDRSEE aims to raise awareness on the problems of the region and change the attitudes, mindsets and patterns of hostility, by empowering local citizens to build a better future for themselves and for their children.

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