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The EU relations with Latin America and the Caribbean

Tuesday 21st of March, 10:00-11:30

10.00 Opening remarks by the Chair
10.05-10.15 Presentation by:

Mr. Christian Leffler, Deputy Secretary General, European External Action Service

10.15-10.50 Presentations by the experts:

Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary General of the Ibero-American Conference

Ms. Paola Amadei, Executive Director of the European Union - Latin America and the Caribbean Foundation

Ms. Anna Ayuso Pozo, Senior Research Fellow at the Barcelona Centre for International Affairs

10.50-11.25 Discussion

11.25-11.30 Concluding remarks
Guests:

Ms Rebeca Grynspan,

**Secretary General of the Ibero-American Conference** (since 2014)

Former Vice President of Costa Rica where she also held several ministerial posts. From 2010-2014 she held the post of Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations and Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and from 2006-2010 she was Deputy Secretary General of the UN and UNDP Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean. She is a recognized leader in promoting human development and in 2014 and 2015 she was recognized as one of the 50 leading intellectuals of Latin America.

Mr. Christian Leffler,

**Deputy Secretary General for global and economic issues at the European External Action Service** (since 2015)

He is a former Swedish diplomat. His most recent posts include Managing Director for the Americas at the European External Action Service from 2011-2015 and Deputy Director General of the Directorate-General for Development and relations with African, Caribbean and Pacific States of the European Commission in 2010.

Ms Paola Amadei,

**Executive Director of the European Union - Latin America and the Caribbean Foundation** (since 2016)

Former ambassador of the European Union to Jamaica, Belize, the Bahamas, Turks and Caicos and the Cayman Islands (2012-2016) and to Eritrea (2008-2011). Her professional career in the EU institutions also includes posts as Head of Section in the EU Delegations to Colombia and Ecuador as well as in New York.
Ms Anna Ayuso Pozo,

Senior Research Fellow on Latin American issues at the Barcelona Centre for International Affairs since 2002 and former coordinator of the International Cooperation Area at the same institution. She is an Associate Professor for International Law at the Autonomous University of Barcelona International and visiting teacher at the Barcelona Institute for International Studies. She holds a PhD in International Law and Master’s degree in European Studies by the Autonomous University of Barcelona.