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EU High Representative Catherine Ashton appoints Director of the European Union Situation Centre (SITCEN) for the External Action Service

Catherine Ashton, EU High Representative for Foreign and Security Policy/Commission Vice President, has today announced the appointment of Mr Ilkka Salmi as Director for the EU Situation Centre in the External Action Service.

“As a respected figure in intelligence circles in Member States, Ilkka Salmi will have an important role in establishing the credibility of the EAS in key areas of its work, handling the fight against terrorism, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and other global threats” said Catherine Ashton.

Mr Salmi is presently director of the Finnish Security Intelligence Service, having previously occupied a range of posts inside the service. A lawyer by training, he also has experience as a representative of the Finnish Parliament and has worked with the Finnish Parliamentary Committees on Foreign Affairs and Defence.
