

Javier Solana
Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union and High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy

Javier Solana was born on July 14, 1942, in Madrid. A Fulbright scholar at several American universities, Mr. Solana holds a doctorate in physics.

A professor of solid state physics at Madrid's Complutense University and a member of the Spanish Socialist Party, Mr. Solana was first elected to parliament in 1977.

Between 1982 and 1995, Mr. Solana was alternatively the Minister for Culture, for Education and Science, and for Foreign Affairs. From 1995 to 1999, he was Secretary-General of NATO.

In October 1999, Mr. Solana was named to a five-year term as Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union and High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy.

Mr. Solana is married and has two children.