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NATO SECRETARY GENERAL TO VISIT RUSSIA

The Secretary General of NATO, Dr. Javier Solana, will pay an official visit to Russia between Tuesday, 19 March, and Thursday, 21 March 1996. During the visit, Dr. Solana will meet with President Yeltsin, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Defence, the Minister for Civil Defence, Emergencies and Elimination of Consequences of Natural Disasters (EMERCOM), and members of the Duma.

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PROGRAMME OF THE VISIT

<u>19 March</u>	p.m. :	Arrive from Brussels.
<u>20 March</u>	10:15 :	EMERCOM. Meeting with Minister Sergei Shoigu.
	15:30 :	Ministry of Defence. Meeting with the Minister of Defence, General Pavel Grachev.
	16:30 :	Speech at Russian Council on Foreign and Defence Policy.
<u>21 March</u>	10:30 :	Meeting with the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Yevgeny Primakov.
	14:00 :	Kremlin. Meeting with President Yeltsin.
	14:30 :	French Embassy. Press Conference. <u>Open</u> coverage on a first-come, first-served basis.
	p.m. :	Depart for Brussels.

The programme of the Secretary General's visit is subject to change.

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