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**“Former EU Commissioner for Justice and Home Affairs to Keynote at the 9th
ASIS International European Security Conference”**

Brussels, 28 January 2010 – ASIS International has announced that Antonio Vitorino, a former European Commissioner for Justice and Home Affairs, will be the opening keynote speaker at the 9th ASIS International European Security Conference which will be held in Lisbon, Portugal on 18-21 April 2010.

Mr Vitorino graduated in law from the University of Lisbon. A lawyer by training, he was first elected to Parliament in 1980. He was part of the Portuguese administration in Macau, returning in 1989 to become a judge of the Constitutional Court. In 1995, he became Minister for defence and Deputy Prime Minister in the first government of António Guterres. From 1999-2004, he was European Commissioner for Justice and Home Affairs under Commission President Romano Prodi. During his tenure, he was responsible for the European Extradition and Sentence Recognition Treaty and the various internal security policies in the crucial period of 9/11 and onwards

In addition to his ongoing role as commentator for RTP 1's programme *Notas Soltas* hosted by television journalist Judite de Sousa, Mr. Vitorino is also a lawyer.

The conference will feature more than 36 high-level educational sessions for and by international security experts that will cover the entire spectrum of security topics ranging from cyber crime, energy security, piracy, terrorism, intellectual property rights, hotel and building security, and more.

Participants can [register](#) before the 28th of February to benefit from the discounted rate.

Opportunities for organisations that want to gain exposure and to raise the visibility of their brand, products, or services among key decision makers in the security sector in Europe are still available on the [event website](#).

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