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His Excellency

João Vale de Almeida

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His Excellency João Vale de Almeida is the head of the delegation of the European Union to the United States. In this capacity, Vale de Almeida represents European Commission President José Manuel Barroso and European Council President Herman Van Rompuy, under the authority of the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Catherine Ashton. Prior to the Washington appointment, he served as director general for external relations at the European Commission, the EU's executive body. From 2004 to 2009, Vale de Almeida was the head of cabinet (chief of staff and main advisor) for European Commission President José Manuel Barroso. Earlier in his career, he held several senior positions in the

European Commission and worked closely, in different capacities, with former Commission Presidents Jacques Delors, Jacques Santer, and Romano Prodi. Before joining President Barroso's team in 2004, he held a senior position in the Directorate General for Education and Culture and served as deputy chief spokesman of the European Commission, which he joined in 1982 at the European Commission Delegation in Lisbon, after spending seven years as a journalist. Vale de Almeida received a degree in history from the University of Lisbon and has studied journalism and management in the U.S., France, Japan, and the UK. A native of Lisbon, Portugal, he and his wife are the parents of two children.