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INFORMATION NOTE

NEW HEADQUARTERS FOR EC COMMISSION DELEGATION IN LATIN AMERICA OPENED

EC Commission Vice-President Wilhelm Haferkamp presided on 18 April over the opening in Caracas, Venezuela, of the new headquarters of the EC Commission's Delegation in Latin America. The headquarters were previously in Santiago, Chile, where the Commission will still maintain a branch office.

The inauguration of the new headquarters in Caracas and the official visit of Mr. Haferkamp reaffirm the Commission's desire to strengthen its presence in Latin America. In choosing Caracas, the Commission was acknowledging Venezuela's growing role in Latin America, as a result of its democratic aims, its dynamic economy, and its key position — regionally, as headquarters of SELA (Latin American Economic System), and a member of the Andean Pact, and globally, as a member of OPEC and the Group of 77.