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## **“Dutch Security and Justice Minister to Open ASIS Europe 2014”**

**Brussels, 21 January 2014** – ASIS International, the world’s premier association for security professionals, has announced that Ivo Willem Opstelten, Security and Justice Minister of The Netherlands will give a keynote presentation during the opening plenary on 2 April at ASIS Europe 2014.

The ASIS 13th European Security Conference & Exhibition is set to take place in The Hague, Netherlands on 1-3 April 2014.

Ivo Opstelten was appointed Security and Justice Minister on 14 October 2010. First, in the Rutte-Verhagen government, then as from 5 November 2012 in its successor, the Rutte-Asscher government.

After graduating, Ivo Opstelten worked for the municipality of Vlaardingen between 1970 and 1972. He was then, successively, Mayor of Dalen (1972-1977), Doorn (1977-1980) and Delfzijl (1980-1987).

In 1987, Mr. Opstelten was appointed Director-General for Public Order and Safety at the Ministry of the Interior. As from 1992, he was Mayor of Utrecht, and Mayor of Rotterdam between 1999 and 2008. Finally, he was Acting Mayor of Tilburg from 2009 to 2010.

In 2010, from 4 August to 4 September and then again from 13 September to 7 October, Ivo Opstelten was the mediator in the negotiations that resulted in the formation of the Rutte-Verhagen government. He joined that government as from 14 October 2010 as Security and Justice Minister.

Godfried Hendriks, CPP, Member of the Board of Directors of ASIS International said: *“ASIS International is honoured by the participation of Minister Opstelten in ASIS Europe 2014. Such high-level participation can be seen as recognition of the leading role that ASIS has in developing the security profession in the Netherlands and Europe. ASIS believes that a continuous dialogue between practitioners and the public sector is critical to making the world a more secure place”*

The ASIS 13th European Security Conference & Exhibition will cover a wide range of security issues in 44 high-level educational sessions divided over 4 parallel tracks.

The conference will also feature:

- A Chief Security Officers (CSOs) Round Table Summit, organised by the CSO Roundtable of ASIS International.
- A CEE Workshop focusing on security issues in Central & Eastern Europe
- A Technology & Solutions Theatre specially created for exhibitors to showcase their products, services, and expertise to the delegates.
- Unrivalled networking opportunities at the Welcome Reception and at the President's Reception, business lunches and networking breaks.

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