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### Invitation to an EIAS Luncheon Briefing

## *"The Outcomes of the 13<sup>th</sup> SAARC Summit: Integration and Enlargement"*

*Thursday, 8 December, 2005 from 13h00 – 14h30*

**Speaker: H.E. Mr. Maudud Ali, Ambassador of Bangladesh to the European Union**

**Chair: Mr. Dick Gupwell, Secretary General, European Institute for Asian Studies, Brussels**

The 13<sup>th</sup> SAARC Summit, held in Dhaka on November 11-13, was of crucial importance with regards to the development of regional and global integration in South Asia. Amongst the outcomes was an agreement for Afghanistan to become a member with effect of the next summit meeting, an agreement that both China and Japan will be granted observer status to the SAARC, firm commitment to the realisation of a South Asian economic union and SAFTA, and an agreement of India to invest \$100 million in the South Asia Development Fund. Furthermore, the very excellent political atmosphere in which the summit took place was noted.

As a distinguished member of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, Bangladesh hosted the 13<sup>th</sup> SAARC Summit which brought together Heads of States of the seven SAARC members. The European Institute for Asian Studies is honored to welcome H.E. Mr. Maudud Ali, Ambassador of Bangladesh to the European Union, to present the outcomes of this Summit and their implications for future integration and enlargement. Following his presentation, ambassadors and representatives from SAARC countries and other interested countries will offer their perspectives on behalf of their respective governments.

The Luncheon Briefing will include an audience Q&A session and discussion on current issues and scenarios for the future of SAARC.

**You are kindly invited from 12:30-13:00 for a Sandwich Lunch  
The Briefing followed by invited comments and Q&A will be from 13:00 to 14:30**

**Venue: European Institute for Asian Studies**

Entry is free for EIAS members, press, and officials of European Union institutions. **For all others a charge of €10,00 applies.**

Please confirm by **Wednesday, 7 December 2005** via fax at **+32 (0) 2 230 5402** to Zoe McCarthy ([z.mccarthy@eias.org](mailto:z.mccarthy@eias.org))

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