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Invitation to a Luncheon Briefing

***Relocating Productive Capacities to China?
Or Elsewhere?***

Tuesday 16 November 2004, from 12:30 to 14:30

Speaker:

**Professor Sylvain Plasschaert, Honorary Professor, University of Antwerp and the
Catholic University of Leuven**

Chair: Dr Willem van der Geest, Director, European Institute for Asian Studies, Brussels

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China's role in the global economy is growing rapidly. China's membership to the World Trade Organisation, its political stability and the recent internal developments made to facilitate international trade and foreign investment have all contributed to making China a prominent global economic player. In light of China's dynamic and rapidly changing business environment Professor Plasschaert will analyse the issue of the relocation of productive capacities. The closure of productive capacity in a 'home country' entails a simultaneous establishment of such productive capacity in a 'host country'. With its growing productivity, improving quality of goods and production facilities and low labour and capital costs the question of whether China will become host to an important amount of productive capacities in the future must be raised.

The EIAS is honoured to welcome you to a briefing by Professor Plasschaert on this pertinent issue. Professor Plasschaert pursued his academic career at the University of Antwerp (UFSIA) and at the Catholic university of Leuven where his teachings and numerous publications relate to financial markets, international business finance, multinational enterprises and economic developments in China. He has been a staff at the World Bank and worked as a consultant for a number of international organisations.

**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

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Please confirm by **Monday, 15 November 2004** via fax at +32 (0)2 230 5402 to Zoe McCarthy (z.mccarthy@eias.org)

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