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**NOTE**

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
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- Annotated draft agenda

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*In accordance with Article 3(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the European Council, the President of the European Council, in close cooperation with the member of the European Council representing the Member State holding the six-monthly Presidency of the Council and with the President of the Commission, shall submit an annotated draft agenda to the General Affairs Council.*

*Delegations will find attached the annotated draft agenda submitted by the President of the European Council, setting out the main items the European Council is expected to address on the above mentioned meeting.*

*In the light of the final discussion to be held by the General Affairs Council within the five days preceding the European Council meeting, the President of the European Council shall draw up the provisional agenda.*

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## **I. MIGRATION**

The European Council will return to the issue of migration and it will:

- assess progress on the Partnership Framework on migration and the results achieved concerning the compacts with the selected African countries, set orientations for further work and decide on the possible extension of the approach to other countries. It will also assess the legislative progress on the External Investment Plan and encourage swift adoption by the co-legislators;
- look at the implementation of the EU-Turkey Statement;
- revert to the issue of the reform of the Common European Asylum System, including on how to apply the principles of responsibility and solidarity in the future.

## **II. SECURITY**

The European Council will address the implementation of the Security Agenda and the strengthening of EU cooperation on external security and defence.

## **III. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, YOUTH**

The European Council will take stock of progress as regards investment (EFSD), Single Market Strategies, youth-related initiatives and the fight against youth unemployment.

## **IV. EXTERNAL RELATIONS**

p.m.: Russia

p.m.: Netherlands/EU-Ukraine Association Agreement

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