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NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: European Council (9 and 10 March 2017)
- Annotated draft agenda

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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At the start of the meeting, the Member of the European Council representing the Member State holding the six-monthly Presidency of the Council will provide an overview of progress on the implementation of earlier European Council conclusions.

I. JOBS, GROWTH AND COMPETITIVENESS

The European Council will reaffirm the urgency of promoting investment, growth and employment to allow EU citizens to enjoy economic well-being and prosperity.

The European Council will examine the implementation of key structural reforms undertaken by Member States in response to their Country-Specific Recommendations, discuss priorities for the 2017 European Semester, and endorse the Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area.

The European Council will review progress as regards delivering on legislative priorities and major strategies, including the Single Market strategy, the Digital Single Market strategy, the Capital Markets Union Action Plan and the Energy Union.

II. SECURITY

On the basis of a report by the Council, the European Council will assess the implementation of its December 2016 conclusions on external security and defence. It will also look at where the EU stands in terms of internal security.

III. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

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