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NOTE

from:	General Secretariat of the Council
to:	Committee of Permanent Representatives / General Affairs Council
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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 19-20 December 2013.

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. COMMON SECURITY AND DEFENCE POLICY

The European Council will hold a thematic discussion on the Common Security and Defence Policy. As set out in the December 2012 conclusions, it will look at the following issues:

- (a) Increase the effectiveness, visibility and impact of CSDP;
- (b) Enhance the development of defence capabilities;
- (c) Strengthen Europe's defence industry.

On the basis of the Commission communication of 24 July 2013, the report by the High Representative/Head of the European Defence Agency of 15 October 2013 and work by the Council (Foreign Affairs/Defence), the European Council will review progress achieved in pursuing these goals and assess the situation. It will provide guidance for further work, on the basis of recommendations by its President.

II. ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION

The European Council will revert, in a comprehensive manner, to the actions dedicated to the completion of the Economic and Monetary Union. In particular :

- (a) the European Council will make a shared analysis of the economic situation in the Member States and in the Euro area as such. To this end it will hold a discussion following the publication of the Commission's Annual Growth Survey and the Alert Mechanism Report;
- (b) work will be carried forward on further strengthening economic policy coordination, with the objective of taking decisions on the main features of contractual arrangements and of associated solidarity mechanisms;

(c) the European Council will confirm the decision of the Council, following appropriate work in the relevant Committees, on the use of an employment and social scoreboard in the Joint Employment Report and of employment and social indicators along the lines proposed by the Commission with the objective of using these new instruments as early as the 2014 European Semester;

(d) [*p.m. Banking Union*].

III. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICY

The European Council will take stock of efforts to foster growth, jobs and European competitiveness and, where appropriate, set new orientations. In particular the European Council will :

- (a) evaluate the implementation of the Compact for Growth and Jobs agreed in June 2012, including SME financing, building on a regular review by the Council;
- (b) review action undertaken in the area of taxation since May 2013 on the basis of a Council report and work undertaken by the Commission.

IV. OTHER ITEMS

[*p.m. Enlargement*]

Task Force for the Mediterranean

As agreed in October 2013, the European Council will be informed by the Presidency on the operational decisions taken by the December JHA Council, following the Commission's report on the work of the Task Force for the Mediterranean.

Energy

The European Council will take note of progress in the area of energy achieved since its meeting in May 2013, on the basis of a report on progress in this area by the Council. (It is recalled that the European Council will discuss energy at its meeting in February 2014).
