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NOTE

from: General Secretariat of the Council
to: Committee of Permanent Representatives / General Affairs Council
Subject: European Council (26 and 27 June 2014)
- 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 26 and 27 June 2014.

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. FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE

The European Council will define the strategic guidelines for legislative and operational planning within the area of freedom, security and justice.

II. GROWTH, COMPETITIVENESS AND JOBS

A) The European Semester

The European Council will exchange views on the action to be taken at national level and endorse country-specific recommendations to guide Member States in their structural reforms, employment policies and national budgets, thus concluding the European Semester.

In addition, the European Council will revert to the area of regulatory fitness and agree on further steps both at national and EU level.

B) Climate and Energy

The European Council will revert to the climate and energy policy, with a view to taking a final decision on the new policy framework as quickly as possible and no later than October 2014. In this context, it will:

- discuss ways of reducing the EU energy dependence, on the basis of the comprehensive plan presented by the Commission and the Commission's in-depth study of EU energy security;
- take stock of progress made in the area of climate and energy policy since its March meeting.

III. OTHER ITEMS

The European Council may also address specific external relations issues in the light of developments on the international scene.