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NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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- 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, is to 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 at the above 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 is to draw up the provisional agenda.

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, including ongoing work on the reform of the Common European Asylum System.

I. JOBS, GROWTH AND COMPETITIVENESS

The European Council will adopt conclusions addressing several issues relevant for jobs, growth and competitiveness:

- progress made in delivering the Single Market strategy, the Digital Single Market strategy, the Capital Markets Union Action Plan and the Energy Union;
- priorities for the 2018 European Semester and endorsement of the Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area;
- social issues, as agreed in December, i.e. monitoring the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights and the upcoming Commission proposal on a European Labour Authority;
- (possibly) trade.

II. OTHER ITEMS

The European Council will be invited to adopt procedural conclusions ahead of the EU-Western Balkans Summit, to be held in Sofia on 17 May.

In the light of events, the European Council may address other specific foreign policy issues.

The members of the European Council will hold a Leaders' debate on taxation, in particular in the digital economy. No conclusions are envisaged.