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NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject: European Council meeting (21 and 22 March 2019)
– 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.

I. JOBS, GROWTH AND COMPETITIVENESS

The European Council will discuss the future development of the Single Market, the Capital Markets Union, industrial policy and European digital policy in preparation for the next Strategic Agenda.

The European Council will address priorities for the 2019 European Semester and will be invited to endorse the Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area.

II. CLIMATE CHANGE

The European Council will provide guidance on the overall direction and political priorities, to enable the European Union to submit a long term strategy by 2020 in line with the Paris Agreement.

III. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

The European Council will prepare the EU-China summit to be held on 9 April 2019.

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

IV. OTHER ITEMS

The European Council will review progress in tackling disinformation and the need to protect the democratic integrity of the European and national elections across the EU.