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**NOTE**

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

## **I. COVID-19**

The European Council will take stock of the epidemiological and vaccine situation and pursue the coordination effort in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **II. CLIMATE CHANGE**

In line with the European Council conclusions of 10-11 December 2020, the European Council will return to climate change with a view to adopting additional guidance in time before the Commission puts forward its proposals. It will tackle in particular the future of the Effort Sharing Regulation.

## **III. RUSSIA**

In line with the Statement of the Members of the European Council of 25 March 2021, the European Council will hold a strategic debate on Russia.

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