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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.

I. COVID-19

The European Council will take stock of the epidemiological and vaccine situation and pursue coordination and preparedness efforts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It will also discuss international cooperation on global health governance and solidarity.

II. DIGITAL

The European Council will review progress on the digital agenda, including the 2030 Digital Compass, and cybersecurity.

III. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

The European Council will prepare the ASEM summit to be held on 25-26 November 2021 and the Eastern Partnership summit on 15 December 2021.

The European Council will take stock of preparations for the meetings of COP26 on climate change in Glasgow and of COP15 on biological diversity in Kunming.

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