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**NOTE**

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council  
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– Annotated draft agenda

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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 assess the epidemiological and vaccine situation and pursue coordination efforts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It will also revert to international cooperation on global health governance and solidarity.

## **II. SECURITY AND DEFENCE**

The European Council will hold a strategic debate on Security and Defence. It will be invited to endorse the Strategic Compass.

## **III. EUROPEAN SEMESTER**

The European Council will address priorities for the 2022 European Semester and will be invited to endorse the Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area.

## **IV. EXTERNAL RELATIONS**

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

*p.m.: energy*