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NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject: European Council meeting (26 and 27 June 2025)
– 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. UKRAINE

The European Council will address Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine in all its dimensions and the Union's continued support to Ukraine and its people.

II. MIDDLE EAST

The European Council will address the latest developments in the Middle East.

III. EUROPEAN DEFENCE AND SECURITY

Following its call to accelerate work on all strands to decisively ramp up Europe's defence readiness within the next five years, the European Council will revert to the matter of defence and security. It will take stock of progress in the implementation of its previous conclusions and provide guidance as needed.

In this context, the European Council is notably expected to touch upon work to mobilise funding, address critical capability gaps and strengthen the European defence technological and industrial base across the Union.

IV. EU IN THE WORLD

The European Council will discuss preparations for upcoming summits with third countries and relations with partners, in the light of the current global political and economic context.

V. COMPETITIVENESS

The European Council will exchange views on economic developments.

Following up on previous conclusions, the European Council will take stock of progress on actions to strengthen competitiveness and the Single Market.

The European Council will be invited to discuss the integrated country-specific recommendations on the basis of a horizontal note, as discussed by the Council, thus allowing the conclusion of the 2025 European Semester.

VI. MIGRATION

The European Council will take stock of progress in the implementation of its conclusions on migration.
