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NOTE

from : Presidency

to : Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject : *European Council (16 and 17 June 2005)*
 - Annotated draft agenda

In accordance with Article 2(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, the General Affairs and External Relations Council shall draw up an annotated agenda on a proposal by the Presidency at least four weeks before the meeting of the European Council.

The Presidency accordingly submits the following annotated draft agenda, which sets out the main items it expects the European Council to address on 16 and 17 June. Work on many of those questions is in hand or will begin shortly and the Presidency will draw on the outcome of that work when submitting a further version of the annotated draft agenda.

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The Presidency intends to confine the agenda to the following items:

- I. Financial Perspective
- II. Economic, social and environmental issues (Stability and Growth Pact; Lisbon Strategy; Sustainable Development)
- III. Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (The Hague Programme; Terrorism)
- IV. Enlargement
- V. External Relations

The meeting will be preceded by an exposé by Mr Josep Borrell, President of the European Parliament, followed by an exchange of views.

The European Council may also take stock of the state of ratifications of the draft Constitutional Treaty and, in this context, take note of the Communication Strategy presented by the Commission.

I. FINANCIAL PERSPECTIVE

In accordance with the conclusions of the December 2004 European Council, the aim is to reach political agreement on the whole dossier.

II. ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

The European Council will be invited to:

- *take stock of the progress made on the amendment of the **Stability and Growth Pact** decided at the last European Council (the Presidency is striving for a general approach to the Council regulations at the ECOFIN meeting on 7 June 2005);*
- *give its approval to the **integrated guidelines**;*
- *and adopt a "**Declaration on the guiding principles for sustainable development**".*

III. AREA OF FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE

The European Council is expected to:

- *take stock of the implementation of the **Hague Programme**, in particular as regards the adoption of an action plan containing proposals for specific measures and a schedule for adopting and implementing them;*
- *have before it a report presented by the General Secretariat of the Council, together with the Commission, taking stock of current work in connection with the **fight against terrorism** and making recommendations for improving implementation and/or carrying out additional measures and initiatives.*

IV. ENLARGEMENT

The European Council is expected to take note of the state of play in the enlargement process with regard to:

- *Bulgaria and Romania,*
- *Croatia,*
- *and Turkey.*

V. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

*The European Council will be invited to establish the essential features of the EU's position in connection with the preparation of the United Nations Summit in September 2005 and to take note of current efforts to attain the **Millennium Development Goals**, in particular as regards the setting of new goals for official development aid.*

It will also have before it:

- *the six-monthly report on **progress in ESDP**, including the work programme for the incoming Presidency,*
- *the six-monthly report on the implementation of the **strategy for the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction**,*
- *and the annual report on the implementation of the EU programme for the **prevention of violent conflicts**.*

*The European Council will adopt conclusions concerning **relations with its main strategic partners**. In particular, it will have on the table a report on the progress made and the future direction of the **strategic partnership with the Mediterranean and the Middle East**.*

If warranted by developments, the European Council may address other situations in the external relations area.

*Finally, it is expected to take note of the joint report presented by the SG/HR and the Commission on the state of play of the preparatory work on the **European External Action Service**.*