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NOTE

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

Subject: European Council (22 and 23 June 2017)
- 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, shall 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 on the above mentioned 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 shall draw up the provisional agenda.

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At the start of the meeting, the Member of the European Council representing the Member State holding the six-monthly Presidency of the Council will provide an overview of progress on the implementation of earlier European Council conclusions.

I. MIGRATION

The European Council will return to the issue of migration and will:

- assess progress on measures taken to address the Central Mediterranean route, notably on the basis of the Malta Declaration, the Partnership Framework and the Valletta Action Plan;
- monitor developments in the Eastern Mediterranean route and look at the implementation of the EU-Turkey Statement;
- revert to the issue of the reform of the Common European Asylum System, including on how to apply the principles of responsibility and solidarity in the future;
- assess progress on the instruments created to address the root causes of migration [p.m. European Fund for Sustainable Development].

II. SECURITY AND DEFENCE

Building on its earlier conclusions, the European Council will review progress in the strengthening of EU cooperation on external security and defence, providing strategic guidance where necessary.

It will also look at where the EU stands in terms of internal security.

III. JOBS, GROWTH AND COMPETITIVENESS

The European Council is expected to:

- review efforts to deepen the Single Market, identifying areas where progress needs to be sped up to complete and implement by 2018 the Single Market strategy, the Digital Single Market strategy, the Capital Markets Union Action Plan and the Energy Union;
- [p.m. European Fund for Strategic Investments];
- address issues relevant for the upcoming G20 meeting;
- endorse the integrated Country-Specific Recommendations and conclude the 2017 European Semester.

IV. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

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