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from:	General Secretariat of the Council
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PREPARATION OF THE SECOND EASTERN PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT**Warsaw, 29-30 September 2011**

The second Eastern Partnership Summit will take place in Warsaw on 29-30 September 2011. The Summit will be hosted by the Polish Presidency and co-hosted by Hungary. The European Union will be represented by the President of the European Council Herman Van Rompuy, who will chair the summit, and the President of the European Commission. The High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy are also expected to attend.

This Summit will be the second meeting of its kind in the Eastern Partnership context. The Eastern Partnership was successfully launched in Prague in May 2009, where the principle was agreed that Summit meetings would be held every two years.

The Warsaw Summit will start on 29 September with a discussion among leaders during a restricted working dinner without guests. The formal plenary will take place in the morning of the 30 September, at the end of which a press conference will be held, followed by an informal lunch.

In the margins of the main event, a civil society event will be organised on 29 September. It is expected that a business forum meeting will be organised as well, the details and focus of which are still to be determined.

NOT DECLASSIFIED**Significance of the Warsaw Summit**

A Summit of Heads of State and Government is an important event in its own right, underlining the political commitment of all Member States and partner countries. The Summit comes two years after the launch of what is clearly one of the most significant initiatives the EU is addressing to its immediate neighbours. The Warsaw Summit will be the occasion to renew the commitment of both the EU and the partners to the ambitious goals of the Eastern Partnership. This will include the joint commitment to the values and principles that underpin the Eastern Partnership, in particular democratic principles and practices, the respect for human rights, good governance and the rule of law.

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Finally, the Summit will look into ways of boosting the visibility of the Eastern Partnership. The Summit should also aim at increasing the linkage between its bilateral and the multilateral activities, and to encourage regional cooperation among the partner countries.

The Summit will approve a Joint Declaration, which will be the main political steer to the next two years of implementation of the Eastern partnership.

Drawing on the results of the Summit, the European Commission and the High Representative will subsequently put forward a roadmap to guide the future implementation of the Eastern Partnership.

The preparation of the Joint Declaration will build on the Communication of the Commission and the High Representative on the review of the European Neighbourhood Policy as well as on the planned adoption by the European Commission of a Communication on Transport Cooperation with Neighbouring Countries, a Communication on Common External Energy Policy and a Communication setting out proposals for a strengthened partnership on migration and mobility with Eastern partners.

Next Steps

COREPER is invited to discuss preparations for the Summit, and to give input on what should be the EU priorities in terms of agenda and outcomes. COEST remains responsible for providing support to summit preparations, as required, at the working level. The PSC and other committees may be invited to discuss specific issues on the agenda, if necessary.

COREPER will revert to the preparations of the Warsaw Summit in September.
