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NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	European Council meeting (10 and 11 December 2020) – 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.

In the margins of the December meeting the members of the European Council will hold a Leaders Meeting with members of the African Union Bureau, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission and the Chairpersons of the Regional Economic Communities. At the start of the European Council 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.

A Euro Summit will take place focusing on the Banking Union and the Capital Markets Union.

I. COVID-19

The European Council will take stock of the situation and discuss the overall coordination effort in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including work on vaccines and testing.

II. CLIMATE CHANGE

The European Council will return to the issue of climate change with a view to agreeing a new EU emissions reduction target for 2030 and the submission of the EU's updated nationally determined contribution (NDC) to the UNFCCC before the end of the year.

III. TRADE

The European Council will have an exchange of views on the trade agenda.

IV. SECURITY

The European Council will address security issues and in particular the fight against terrorism and violent extremism.

V. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

In line with its conclusions of October 2020, the European Council will revert to the situation in the Eastern Mediterranean and relations with Turkey.

The European Council will hold a strategic discussion on EU relations with the Southern Neighbourhood.

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

p.m.: appointment of the ECB Executive Board member
