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NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	European Council meeting (15 and 16 December 2022) – 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/RUSSIA

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

II. ENERGY AND ECONOMY

The European Council will review progress on the implementation of its October 2022 conclusions and provide further guidance as appropriate.

III. SECURITY AND DEFENCE

The European Council will take stock of work carried out to implement the Strategic Compass, including reinforcing the Union's partnerships and enhancing its resilience, and will provide guidance on work ahead. The European Council will discuss ways to further increase the Union's security and defence capacity through more collaborative investments, focusing on identified strategic shortfalls, as agreed in Versailles on 10-11 March 2022. The European Council will also give guidance on support to EU partners, including through instruments such as the European Peace Facility and CSDP missions and operations.

IV. SOUTHERN NEIGHBOURHOOD

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

V. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

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

p.m.: Transatlantic relations