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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From:	Working Party on European Free Trade Association (EFTA)
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
Subject:	57th meeting of the EEA Council (Brussels, 20 November 2023)

1. The 57th meeting of the European Economic Area ('EEA') Council is scheduled to take place in Brussels on 20 November 2023. In accordance with Article 2(5) of the Rules of Procedure of the EEA Council, the agenda of the 57th meeting of the EEA Council should be adopted by the EEA Council at the beginning of the meeting.
2. As regards the items for discussion at the EEA Council meeting on 20 November 2023, the position of the European Union on Item 5 (Orientation Debate: Economic Security) of the EEA Council's agenda will be based on the relevant elements included in the conclusions adopted by the European Council on 29-30 June 2023 (EUCO 7/23) and 26-27 October 2023 (EUCO 14/23). In the absence of an agreement on draft conclusions to be adopted by the EEA Council at its 57th meeting, the position of the European Union on Item 4 (Assessment of the overall functioning of the EEA Agreement) will be based on the Joint Statement of the Members of the EEA Council of 28 May 2021 (8628/21), to the extent the elements included in the Statement are still relevant in light of developments since 28 May 2021.

3. Against this background, Coreper/the Council is therefore invited to agree that the provisional agenda for the meeting, as set out in EEE 1604/23 (see Annex) be submitted to the EEA Council for adoption and to take note that the Union position will be based on the elements outlined in the previous paragraphs.
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Subject:	57th Meeting of the EEA Council Brussels, 20 November 2023
Date:	20 November 2023
Venue:	Brussels

1. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda (doc. 1604/23)

Items for adoption without prior discussion

2. Minutes of the 56th meeting of the EEA Council held in Brussels on 24 May 2023 (doc. 1605/23)
3. Progress Report by the EEA Joint Committee (doc. 1606/23)

Items for discussion

4. Assessment of the overall functioning of the EEA Agreement
5. Orientation Debate: Economic Security.

Item for possible discussion

6. Other business