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NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	European Council meeting (25 and 26 March 2021) – 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. COVID-19

The European Council will take stock of the epidemiological and vaccine situation and pursue the coordination effort in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

II. SINGLE MARKET, INDUSTRIAL POLICY, DIGITAL AND THE ECONOMY

The European Council will discuss key priorities in the area of the Single Market, industrial policy and digital. In this context, it will consider the Digital Compass, including the 2030 digital targets, and review work on digital taxation.

The European Council will also address priorities for the 2021 European Semester and will be invited to endorse the Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area.

III. EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

The European Council will take stock of the situation in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Following the European Council conclusions of 10-11 December 2020, the High Representative and the Commission are expected to submit a report on EU-Turkey relations ahead of the meeting.

IV. RUSSIA

The European Council will discuss relations with Russia.

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