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NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	European Council meeting (23 and 24 March 2023) – 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

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

II. COMPETITIVENESS, SINGLE MARKET AND THE ECONOMY

Following up to its conclusions of December 2022 and February 2023, the European Council will:

- discuss Europe's long-term strategy to boost competitiveness and productivity and to harness the full potential of the Single Market;
- follow up to its conclusions of February 2023 to make the EU's economic, industrial and technological base fit for the green and digital transitions;
- hold a strategic discussion on EU trade policy;
- address the reform of the EU economic governance framework;
- address priorities for the 2023 European Semester and will be invited to endorse the Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area.

III. ENERGY

The European Council will review progress on the implementation of its conclusions, notably with a view to preparedness for the winter and beyond.

IV. OTHER ITEMS

The Council Presidency and the Commission will inform the European Council on progress in the implementation of the conclusions on migration of 9 February 2023.

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