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NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Candidature of Rome to host the EXPO 2030 - Request by the Italian Delegation

Delegations will find attached a note from the Italian Delegation concerning the candidature of Rome to host the EXPO 2030. The topic will be included as an "Any other business" item on the agenda for the Foreign Affairs Council on 20 March 2023.

ANNEX

Candidature of Rome to host the EXPO 2030

AOB item requested by Italy for the FAC (20 March 2023)

Italy presented to the Bureau International des Expositions (BIE) the candidature of Rome to host the EXPO 2030. Rome's candidacy, which is a priority for Italy, holds indeed a strategic value for the entire EU. In this perspective, Italy expects both the Member States and the EEAS to support the candidacy of its Capital City.

First, support for the only EU candidate to host Expo 2030 would show a cohesive Union championing human rights, individual liberties and rule of law. It would also highlight the European Union's strong commitment to promoting sustainability, in its three dimensions, innovation and inclusion, at a time when the international community will be called to look beyond 2030 to renew the Agenda for Sustainable Development and to find shared solutions to common most pressing challenges

Second, bringing Expo back to the European Continent would be of crucial importance especially after the many international events hosted in the Gulf and in Asia.

Third, holding such a global event in Rome would have positive impacts on the entire EU and its Member States in terms of economic returns and image.

In its Expo campaign, Italy is reaffirming its support for Ukraine's reconstruction: Rome is the only candidature ready to develop all the necessary synergies with Odessa's candidature so to have a truly European Expo.