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NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	EU Indo-Pacific Ministerial Forum in Stockholm (13 May 2023) - Request by the Swedish Delegation

Delegations will find attached a note from the Swedish Delegation concerning the EU Indo-Pacific Ministerial Forum in Stockholm (13 May 2023). The topic will be included as an “Any other business” item on the agenda for the Foreign Affairs Council on 24 April 2023.

EU Indo-Pacific Ministerial Forum in Stockholm (13 May 2023)

AOB item requested by Sweden for the FAC (24 April 2023)

At the FAC on 24 April 2023, Sweden would like to inform about the EU Indo-Pacific Ministerial Forum in Stockholm, to be held on Saturday 13 May 2023 back-to-back with Gymnich on Friday 12 May.

The Stockholm Forum builds on last year's meeting in Paris with the goal of enhancing the partnership between the European Union and the Indo-Pacific region, which is our core pledge in the EU Strategy for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific of 2021.

The Forum is an opportunity to take stock of current global developments and to discuss how they impact our regions. It will also focus on key areas of cooperation in three parallel roundtable discussions: firstly, the opportunities for enhancing inclusive prosperity and sustainable connectivity, including free trade, supply chains and digitalisation; secondly, global challenges and concrete ways to make joint efforts for the green transition, energy security and climate change; thirdly, how to build partnerships and trust in the realm of security.

The Forum is expected to begin at lunchtime with welcome, doorstep and an informal lunch. It will then be followed by an opening session, which will be streamed live, a family photo, the three closed roundtables in the afternoon and a closing session open to the media. A press conference by the co-hosts will follow. In the evening, we will move to a social dinner at the Castle of the historic city of Uppsala. No conclusions or declarations are foreseen. The co-hosts will publish a press release after the meeting, as was the case at the Paris Forum, including the participants' discussion.

A formal invitation with a preliminary programme and practical information has been circulated. Delegations are encouraged to register no later than 28 April 2023.