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NOTE

from: Presidency

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Subject: *European Council (14 and 15 December 2006)*
– *Annotated draft agenda*

In accordance with Article 2(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure the General Affairs and External Relations Council, acting on a Presidency proposal, shall draw up an annotated draft agenda at least four weeks before the meeting of the European Council.

The Presidency accordingly submits the following annotated draft agenda, which sets out the main items it expects the European Council to address on 14 and 15 December. Work on many of those questions is in hand or will begin shortly and the Presidency will draw on the outcome of that work when submitting the draft conclusions.

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The Presidency intends to limit the agenda to the following items:

- I. Enlargement
- II. Area of freedom, security and justice
- III. Innovation and energy
- IV. External Relations

The meeting will be preceded by an exposé by Mr Josep Borrell, President of the European Parliament, followed by an exchange of views.

I. ENLARGEMENT

The European Council will be invited to adopt conclusions welcoming the accession to the Union on 1 January 2007 of Bulgaria and Romania.

As a follow-up to the European Council conclusions of June 2006, and in the light of the forthcoming Commission enlargement reports, the Heads of State or Government will have a debate on all aspects of future enlargements.

II. AREA OF FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE

The European Council will be invited to adopt conclusions assessing the progress achieved in implementing the Hague Programme and to give renewed impetus to the development of the area of freedom, security and justice. It will also be invited to consider possible improvements to the decision-making and action of the Union in this field.

In that context, the European Council is also expected to discuss the issue of immigration in the light of the Commission's forthcoming report on the implementation of the Global Approach on Migration. The European Council is expected to consider the further development of the Global Approach and strategic guidelines for the purpose of the development of an integrated external borders management strategy including the follow up to the Council Conclusions on reinforcing the southern maritime border.

III. INNOVATION AND ENERGY

The European Council will be invited to adopt conclusions following-up on the outcome of the Lahti meeting and building on the progress achieved in creating an innovative Europe. The conclusions are also expected to set out recommendations for the future of innovation policy.

The European Council will be invited to adopt conclusions reflecting the progress achieved in developing the Union's external energy policy, as part of the wider process of elaborating an Energy Policy for Europe which is to be agreed at the 2007 Spring European Council.

IV. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

The Presidency intends to keep these conclusions to a strict minimum, subject to developments.
