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NOTE

from : The General Secretariat of the Council
to : COREPER/General Affairs Council

Subject : European Council (16 September 2010)
- 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, shall 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 on 16 September 2010.

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 shall draw up the provisional agenda.

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The President of the European Council intends to restrict the agenda to the items which will actually be examined by the European Council. The conclusions of the meeting will be brief and will focus on decisions and general policies approved by the European Council.

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I. RELATIONS WITH STRATEGIC PARTNERS

Further to its conclusions of 25/26 March 2010, the European Council will discuss, in the presence of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs, how the Union can better shape its external agenda and how it operates in its relations with strategic partners. In this discussion, the European Council will put a particular emphasis on relations with emerging powers in Asia, against the backdrop of the bilateral summits the EU will be holding in the autumn as well as the forthcoming G20 Seoul Summit and the Cancun Conference. In the light of this discussion, the European Council will adopt short conclusions setting the direction of future work, according to a few guiding principles.

II. STATE OF PLAY OF THE TASK FORCE ON ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE

The European Council will take stock of work on the reinforcement of economic governance. In particular, the President of the European Council will report on progress achieved in the Task Force.
