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**NOTE**

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**From :** The Presidency

**To :** Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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**Subject :** *European Council (4-5 November 2004)*  
– *Annotated draft agenda*

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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 in Brussels on 4-5 November. 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 a further version of the annotated draft agenda.

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

- I. Economic issues in view of preparation of the Mid Term Review of the Lisbon Strategy
- II. A new multi-annual agenda for the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice
- III. Communicating Europe
- IV. Enlargement
- V. External Affairs/CFSP/ESDP

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

## **I. ECONOMIC ISSUES IN VIEW OF PREPARATION OF THE MID TERM REVIEW OF THE LISBON STRATEGY**

### **Mid Term Review**

The European Council will hear a presentation by **Mr Wim Kok**, Chairman of the High Level Group advising the European Commission on its preparations for the Mid Term Review of the Lisbon strategy in March 2005. The presentation will be followed by a brief exchange of views. The European Council may invite the Commission to take the report by the High Level Group into consideration when preparing its recommendations to the Spring European Council.

*The Heads of State or Government will discuss informally the management of change in the framework of the Lisbon strategy at their working dinner on Thursday 4 November.*

### **Better regulation**

The European Council is expected to welcome the endorsement by the Council (Ecofin) on 21 October of common principles for measuring the **administrative burden** of legislation on business. The European Council is further expected to welcome the foreseen decisions of the Council (Ecofin) in October on the cooperation between the Commission and Member States on pilot projects to help define the envisaged common methodology to be applied in impact assessments of European legislation.

The European Council may call on the Council (Competitiveness) to continue its efforts to agree – before the end of 2004 – on specific legislation or areas of legislation to be simplified as a matter of priority.

## **II. MULTI-ANNUAL AGENDA FOR THE AREA OF FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE**

The European Council is expected to adopt a new **Multi-annual Agenda** for the European Area of Freedom, Security and Justice. This agenda – prepared by the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) in particular at its meeting of 25/26 October 2004 – will build on the present programme ("Tampere") and take into account the results of the evaluation by the Commission as welcomed by the European Council in June.

The comprehensive Multi-annual Agenda will address the broad scope of the JHA policy, notably: asylum and migration including border management, integration, the fight against terrorism, justice and police cooperation, fundamental rights and civil law.

The European Council is likely to invite the Commission to present an action program in 2005 based upon the new Multi-annual Agenda, containing proposals and a timetable for their adoption and implementation.

## **III. COMMUNICATING EUROPE**

The European Council is expected to consider how to strengthen a sense among the citizens of Europe of the importance of the work of the Union and its relevance to their daily lives. The informal ministerial meeting on 5 October is to provide input for this.

The European Council is expected to invite the Commission to develop a **communication strategy** in this respect, including concrete proposals.

#### **IV. ENLARGEMENT**

The European Council will hear a presentation by the President of the European Commission on the Progress Reports, the Strategy Paper on Enlargement and Recommendations regarding the **four candidate states**, as published by the Commission on 6 October.

The European Council will confine itself to confirming that, in line with previous conclusions, it will take the necessary decisions, prepared by the GAERC, on outstanding enlargement issues at its meeting in December 2004.

#### **V. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS/CFSP/ESDP**

The European Council is expected to examine progress on engagement with **Iraq**. To this end it will discuss with Prime Minister Allawi future cooperation between the Union and Iraq. Ministers for Foreign Affairs will prepare this discussion at their working dinner.

Ministers are furthermore expected to discuss, also in view of current international developments, other international affairs, including the situation in the Middle East and Iran.

The European Council is expected to adopt conclusions on these matters as well as on relations with Asian partners following the summit meetings of October.

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