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NOTE

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

Subject : *European Council (25 and 26 March 2010)*
– *Annotated draft agenda*

In accordance with Article 3(1) of the Council's 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 accordingly 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 25 and 26 March 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 for the European Council to the items which will actually be examined by the Heads of State or Government. The conclusions of the meeting will be brief and will focus principally on the decisions and general policies approved by the European Council.

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I. NEW EUROPEAN STRATEGY FOR JOBS AND GROWTH

On the basis of the Commission's Europe 2020 communication, the European Council will be invited to agree on the general framework of the Union's new strategy for jobs and growth. In particular, it will be invited to finalise the governance of the strategy and agree on a limited number of EU-wide quantitative targets, which will subsequently be translated into differentiated national targets.

In this context, the European Council will take stock of ongoing efforts by the European Union and its Member States to tackle the current economic crisis. Of particular importance in that respect are issues such as the implementation of coordinated exit strategies and progress, both at the EU and global level, in relevant fields such as financial supervision and regulation. The European Council will also hold a preliminary discussion on the preparation of the G20 summit.

II. FOLLOW-UP TO COPENHAGEN CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

The European Council will assess the state of work regarding the follow-up to the Copenhagen Conference, both as regards the international negotiation process and the Union's relations with its strategic partners.