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NOTE

from : Presidency
to : Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject : *European Council (13 and 14 March 2008)*
 – *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.

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The Presidency will in principle limit the agenda of the European Council to the implementation of the Lisbon Strategy, including the launch of the new cycle, the stability of financial markets, and climate change and energy.

The meeting will be preceded by an exposé by the President of the European Parliament, Mr Hans-Gert Pöttering, followed by an exchange of views.

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I. Launching the New Cycle of the Lisbon Strategy for Growth and Jobs (2008-2010)

The European Council will launch the new cycle of the Lisbon Strategy, covering the period 2008-2010.

In particular, it will be invited to confirm that the current Integrated Guidelines remain valid for the period 2008-2010, to endorse the Broad Economic Policy Guidelines and the country-specific Integrated Recommendations and to adopt conclusions on the Employment Guidelines. The European Council will call for the 10 actions identified in the Community Lisbon Programme to be driven forward.

The European Council will be invited to stress that the focus of the new cycle will be on implementation and reaffirm that the priority areas agreed in Spring 2006 remain the cornerstone of the renewed Lisbon Strategy.

It will call for further action both at Member State (National Reform Programmes) and at Community (Community Lisbon Programme) level, in order to bolster the implementation of the Lisbon Strategy as concerns knowledge and innovation, employment, business potential.

II. The stability of financial markets

The European Council will discuss the situation on financial markets.

III. An integrated climate and energy policy

The European Council will discuss the climate change and energy package with a view to agreeing on key principles and guidelines for future work.

It will discuss the external aspects of the Union's climate change policy, notably as regards the follow up to the Bali Conference. It will also address the impact of climate change on security in the light of the report from the SG/HR and the Commission.

The European Council will take stock of progress as concerns the liberalisation of the energy markets. It will be invited to adopt the Strategic Energy Technology Plan.

IV. External relations (if necessary)

p.m. in the light of possible developments.
