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NOTE

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Subject : European Council (19 and 20 June 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, which sets out the main items it expects the European Council to address on 19 and 20 June 2008. Work on many of those issues is in hand or will begin shortly and the Presidency will draw on the outcome of that work when submitting draft conclusions.

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

The Presidency intends to focus the agenda of the European Council on the following items:

I. LISBON TREATY

The European Council will take stock of the state of ratification of the Lisbon Treaty.

The Presidency will report on the progress of the preparatory work conducted in line with the European Council conclusions of December 2007 to ensure the full functioning of the Treaty as soon as it enters into force. The European Council is expected to note the progress achieved and to invite the incoming Presidency to complete the work by the end of the year.

II. FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE

The European Council will take stock of progress achieved on certain key dossiers in the field of freedom, security and justice and give the necessary impetus to allow their timely adoption.

III. POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF HIGH FOOD PRICES

The European Council will assess developments as regards rising food prices and discuss policy implications for the European Union across the board, including possible consequences for development policy, trade policy, the common agricultural policy and energy/climate change.

IV. ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

In the light of progress achieved since its Spring meeting, the European Council may address a very limited number of key dossiers related to the Lisbon Strategy.

V. WESTERN BALKANS

The European Council will take stock of the implementation of the Thessaloniki Agenda. It is expected to reconfirm the European Perspective of the Western Balkans as well as to address a number of dossiers and initiatives aimed at supporting the political and economic development in the countries of the Western Balkans based on the recent Commission's Communication.

VI. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

The European Council will take stock of progress regarding the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals and look at possible means of accelerating efforts, as agreed last December.

Further to the declaration it adopted last March, the European Council will revert to "Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean" with a view to the summit which will be held on 13 July 2008.

The European Council will also address the enhancement of the eastern dimension of the European Neighbourhood Policy.

The European Council may address other external action issues, in the light of international developments.

