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NOTE

from: General Secretariat of the Council
to: Committee of Permanent Representatives / General Affairs Council

Subject: European Council (27-28 June 2013)
- 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 27-28 June 2013.

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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I. ECONOMIC POLICY

The European Council will take stock of the implementation of efforts to boost competitiveness, jobs and growth in Europe and, where necessary, set further orientations to ensure their timely delivery. In particular, it will:

- (a) exchange views on the action to be taken at national level and endorse country-specific recommendations to guide Member States in their structural reforms, employment policies and national budgets, thus concluding the 2013 European Semester;
- (b) assess the implementation of the Compact for Growth and Jobs, with a particular emphasis on measures aimed at creating jobs, especially for the young, and on boosting the financing of the economy for fast-acting growth measures;
- (c) hold an initial exchange of views on industrial competitiveness and policy in preparation of the more comprehensive discussions to be held in February 2014;
- (d) take stock of ongoing work on smart regulation, including the Commission's initial concrete proposals further to its report on the "Top Ten" most burdensome regulations for SMEs.

II. ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION

The European Council will adopt conclusions further to the presentation by its President of possible measures and a time-bound roadmap on the coordination of national reforms; the social dimension of the EMU; the feasibility and modalities of mutually agreed contracts for competitiveness and growth; and solidarity mechanisms.

It will also take stock of progress as regards the completion of the elements agreed last December for a "banking union".

It is expected to hold a discussion (pursuant to Article 140(2) TFEU) on Latvia's application to adopt the euro as its currency.

III. OTHER ITEMS

The European Council will be informed of developments as regards relations with strategic partners. It is not expected to adopt written conclusions on this topic.

The European Council may be invited to take decisions on the opening of accession negotiations with candidate countries.