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NOTE

from : The Presidency

to : Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject : *European Council (16-17 December 2004)*
– *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 in Brussels on 16-17 December. 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. Enlargement
- II. Terrorism
- III. Financial Framework 2007-2013: principles and guidelines
- IV. Area of freedom, security and justice: the EU Drugs Strategy 2005-2012
- V. External affairs
- VI. Other issues

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

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I. ENLARGEMENT

The European Council is expected to take decisions on outstanding enlargement questions, in particular on:

- conclusion of negotiations with Bulgaria and Romania
- opening of negotiations with Croatia and Turkey

II. THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM

The European Council is expected, in line with conclusions reached at its meeting in June 2004, to review progress made in the fight against terrorism. In this context it will discuss the report by the SG/HR on the implementation and revision of the Action Plan/Roadmap on combating terrorism and take note of other relevant reports and proposals on related subjects, notably:

- integrating an intelligence capacity in the General Secretariat of the Council;

- integrating the fight against terrorism into external policy;
- strengthening the fight against financing terrorism;
- enhancing cooperation on civil protection;
- enhancing protection of critical infrastructure.

III. PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK 2007-2013

The European Council is expected to welcome a report on progress achieved since June 2004. In line with its June conclusions, the European Council is expected to decide on principles and guidelines as part of the process leading to agreement on the new Financial Framework and related issues, including own resources.

IV. AREA OF FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE: THE EU DRUGS STRATEGY 2005-2012

The European Council is expected to take note of the adoption by the Council of a new EU Drugs Strategy for the period 2005-2012 and endorse its approach and main lines of action. It is likely to invite the Commission to present proposals in 2005 to implement the strategy.

V. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

The European Council is expected to discuss the Middle East Peace Process, Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Afghanistan, Wider Middle East and Mediterranean.

The European Council is also expected to:

- agree to extend the period of application of the Common Strategy on Ukraine;
- take note of the procedure for preparatory work leading to the establishment of the External Action Service;
- take note of the statements of the Council on the integration of coherence screening mechanisms and the timely production of national and EU reports on the Millennium Development Goals;
- take note of the Presidency report on ESDP.

VI. OTHER ISSUES

The European Council is expected to take note of the outcome of a series of debates during the semester on commonly shared values.

The European Council might take note of the state of play relating to the process of ratification of the Constitutional Treaty.