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NOTE

from : Presidency
to : Council

Subject : European Council (14 December 2007)
 – *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 14 December. 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 Pöttering, 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:

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- Welcome the agreement on and the signature of the Treaty of Lisbon. Call for a swift completion of national ratification processes
- Welcome the proclamation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights
- Signal that, with the adoption of the new Treaty, the Union will have a stable institutional framework for the foreseeable future and will be able to better devote its attention to the concrete policy challenges ahead, including climate change and globalisation
- p. m. (Reflection Group)

FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE

- Welcome the abolition of border controls for new Member States and enlargement of the Schengen Area
- Review the state of implementation of the comprehensive migration policy, including progress on the application of the Global Approach to Migration to Africa and the Mediterranean and the first results of the application of the Global Approach to eastern and south-eastern regions neighbouring the EU
- Strengthen police and judicial cooperation
- Review progress and give guidance for future efforts in the fight against terrorism

ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- Take stock of preparatory work undertaken and launch intensive preparation, in the relevant areas, of the next cycle of the renewed Lisbon Strategy for Growth and Jobs, to be approved by the Spring 2008 European Council; refer in this connection to a number of relevant issues, *inter alia* the Internal Market review and social policy.
- Climate change (Bali Meeting) / Energy aspects
- Review the implementation of the Sustainable Development Strategy
- Maritime policy: call for work to be taken forward
- p.m. (Galileo / EIT)

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

- p.m. (Kosovo)
 - Outcome of the EU/Africa Summit
 - Other external action issues, including in the light of international developments
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