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NOTE

from : Presidency
to : COREPER/Council

*Subject : European Council (15 and 16 October 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, draws 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 15 and 16 October 2008. Work on many of those issues is in hand and the Presidency will draw on the outcome of that work in continuing preparations for the European Council.

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The Presidency intends to restrict the agenda for the European Council to the items which will actually be examined by the Heads of State and Government. The conclusions of the meeting will be brief and will focus principally on the decisions and general policies approved by the European Council.

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

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I. Lisbon Treaty

Further to the conclusions of its meeting in June 2008, the European Council will consider the way forward with regard to the Lisbon Treaty.

II. Immigration and asylum

The European Council will be asked to adopt the European Pact on Immigration and Asylum, the content of which the JHA Council will be asked to approve at its meeting on 25 September 2008.

III. Economic, financial, environmental and energy issues

The European Council should devote part of its discussions to economic, financial, environmental and energy issues. Under this heading it will probably tackle the following subjects:

- the present economic situation

- current discussions on improving financial stability in the European Union
- responses to the volatility of the prices of foodstuffs and energy
- measures to combat climate change and improve the Union's energy security.

IV. Follow-up to the extraordinary meeting of the European Council on 1 September 2008

The European Council could provide a follow-up as necessary to its extraordinary meeting on 1 September 2008 on the crisis in Georgia and relations with Russia, in particular in respect of the implementation of the agreement of 8 September 2008, the role to be played by the Union politically and on the ground, the action undertaken in support of Georgia and relations between the European Union and Russia, especially with a view to the summit on 14 November 2008.

For the record: Reflection Group

The European Council could determine the composition of the Group and decide on the launch of its discussions.
