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NOTE

From: the Presidency
To: COREPER/Council

Subject: Preparation of the Council (Competitiveness) on 12 October 2010:
item 7: The European potential in research and innovation in the light of the
challenges posed by globalisation - a Union for Innovation (industry perspectives)
= Presidency questions

At the meeting of the Competitiveness Council on 12 October 2010, the Commission will present its communication "The European potential in research and innovation in the light of the challenges posed by globalisation - a Union for Innovation"¹. This is one of the Flagship Initiatives of the Europe 2020 strategy and a file of great horizontal importance. Because of this fact, the communication will be presented to both Research and Industry Ministers.

The leading questions proposed by the Presidency in this document are intended to structure the debate of Industry Ministers; they in no way constrain the freedom of Ministers to raise any other question which they consider important in this context.

¹ Not yet adopted; document will follow.

The Permanent Representatives' Committee is invited to take note of the leading questions proposed by the Presidency, as set out in Annex, with a view to their use for structuring the exchange of views of the Industry Ministers at the Competitiveness Council on 12 October 2010.

**SUGGESTED QUESTIONS FOR STRUCTURING THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS OF
INDUSTRY MINISTERS ON THE COMMISSION'S COMMUNICATION ENTITLED
"THE EUROPEAN POTENTIAL IN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION IN THE LIGHT OF
THE CHALLENGES POSED BY GLOBALISATION"**

1. What is the appreciation of Ministers of the current situation and the future evolution of financing conditions for innovative enterprises?

Do the proposals formulated by the Commission on this subject seem appropriate? Are Ministers identifying complementary activities to perform?

2. What should be the role and what could be the added value of the Competitiveness Council in the implementation and monitoring of the Flagship Initiative "A Union for Innovation"?

Does the proposal to set up an "Innovation Council" seem to Ministers to be capable of improving the governance of the initiative?
