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 29 and 30 October 2009. 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.
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.

I. Institutional issues

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II. Climate change

The European Council will take stock of preparations for the Copenhagen conference on climate change, in particular on the basis of the preparatory work conducted by the ECOFIN and Environment Councils of 20 and 21 October. It will take the appropriate decisions, including on all aspects of financing, required to ensure a successful outcome in Copenhagen.

III. Economic situation

The European Council will assess latest developments relating to the economic and financial situation, on the basis of the work conducted by the ECOFIN Council of 20 October.

It will take stock of progress on the setting up of a new framework for EU supervision and, if necessary, will provide further direction to this work.

IV. Macro-regional strategies

The European Council will be invited to adopt the Strategy on the Baltic Sea Region, which is expected to be finalised at the General Affairs and External Relations Council of 26 October 2009.
V. **Illegal immigration**

The European Council will take stock of proposals and measures taken by the Commission since the European Council session in June 2009.

VI. **External relations (poss.)**

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