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NOTE

from:	General Secretariat of the Council
to:	Committee of Permanent Representatives / General Affairs Council
Subject:	European Council (7-8 February 2013) - Annotated draft agenda

In accordance with Article 3(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the European Council, the President of the European Council, in close cooperation with the member of the European Council representing the Member State holding the six-monthly Presidency of the Council and with the President of the Commission, shall submit an annotated draft agenda to the General Affairs Council.

Delegations will find attached the annotated draft agenda submitted by the President of the European Council, setting out the main items the European Council is expected to address on 7-8 February 2013.

In the light of the final discussion to be held by the General Affairs Council within the five days preceding the European Council meeting, the President of the European Council shall draw up the provisional agenda.

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I. TRADE

In the context of implementing the Compact for Growth and Jobs, the European Council will take stock of the EU's position in international trade and provide guidance for further progress. It will review the state of play in trade negotiations with key partners, providing impetus to bring these forward where needed and it may recommend considering the launch of new ones. The European Council will also assess the present state of play in multilateral negotiations in the WTO and guide the EU's further engagement with its partners.

II. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

The European Council will assess developments in the Arab world and Southern Mediterranean two years after the start of the "Arab Spring". It will reflect on the EU's relations with key actors in the region with a view to pursuing coherent policies to address the main sources of concern and agreeing on further concrete actions to help achieve democracy, prosperity, stability and rule of law.

In the light of international developments, the European Council may adopt conclusions on other important foreign policy issues requiring the attention of the Heads.
