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### **Invitation letter by President Van Rompuy to the European Council**

It is my pleasure to invite you to the meeting of the European Council on 28 and 29 June 2012 in Brussels.

The challenge for this European Council is, more than ever before, to signal, in a clear and concrete manner, that we are doing everything required in response to the crisis. This means endorsing the country-specific recommendations to guide our policies and budgets, adopting the "Compact for growth and jobs", launching the final phase of work towards a new Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) mobilised in support of growth and jobs, and, last but not least, setting our Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) on a new path.

We will begin our meeting focusing on the MFF. Given the role of the European Parliament in this negotiation, I have invited its President for a one-hour meeting with the members of the European Council, from 15.00 till 16.00, so that he has ample opportunity to present the views of his institution on this topic.

Following the family photo, we will continue our discussion on the MFF. After the intensive work conducted by the Polish and Danish Presidencies, Member States' positions are well-known. This is why I propose that we focus in particular on two issues: how can the different policies in the new MFF best contribute to the creation of growth and jobs and enhance the quality of EU spending, and how should we prioritise spending among the different policy areas and better align it with the Europe 2020 strategy. This is also why I shall ask you to strictly limit your interventions to no more than two to three minutes.

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After the discussion on the MFF, and by 18.00 at the latest, I will ask the European Council to examine the proposed "Compact for growth and jobs". Given the very good work undertaken in preparation of this European Council, I propose that we structure our discussion on the basis of the conclusions and the text of the Compact and adopt it already on Thursday, leaving however aside the elements directly related to the EMU.

After our discussions on growth, we shall break for short press conferences. Following which, we resume for dinner, where the President of the ECB will join us. I shall present the report that was requested of me, in close cooperation with the Presidents of the Commission, Eurogroup and ECB, on the future of the EMU. This report is not a final blueprint to be adopted by the European Council but I do expect to reach a common understanding amongst us on the way forward for the EMU.

On Friday morning, I will give a brief overview of my ideas for future European Council meetings and the themes I should like to address up to the end of my mandate. Next, we will approve our conclusions, including the external relations aspects.

The European Council will be followed by a Euro Area summit luncheon around noon, also attended by the President of the ECB, where we will continue the discussion on the EMU report and will look at current developments in the euro area.

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