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to the President of the European Council
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Subject: Agenda of the next European Council and fighting inflation

According to estimates published on 29 June 2022 by Spain's national statistical institute INE, the annual rate of inflation rose to 10.2 % in June, the highest figure since April 1985. Underlying inflation in Spain stands at 5.5 % year-on-year, the highest it has been since 1993.

The Commissioner for Economic Affairs, Paolo Gentiloni, warned on 16 June that inflation 'is becoming broader and more persistent' throughout the euro area, and stressed that 'we can't ask monetary policy to address and solve all problems. We have to show our unity and determination with economic choices and fiscal policy.' Regrettably, the conclusions of the last European Council meeting, held on 23 and 24 June, make no direct reference to either inflation or the economic and fiscal measures that the EU and its Member States need to take to reverse this rise in prices.

In the light of the above:

Will the Council President Charles Michel include the fight against inflation as an separate item on the agenda of the next European Council, due to be held on 20 and 21 October?