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## MINUTES

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Subject: Special meeting of the European Council (Art.50)<sup>1</sup>  
held on 29 April 2017

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At its meeting on 22 June 2017, the European Council (Art.50) adopted the minutes of its meeting on 29 April 2017, as set out in this document, and decided to make them public.

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<sup>1</sup> Following the notification under Article 50 TEU, the member of the European Council or of the Council representing the withdrawing Member State shall not participate in the discussions of the European Council or Council or in decisions concerning it.

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**1. Exchange of views with the President of the European Parliament**

The President of the European Parliament was heard by the European Council.

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

The European Council adopted its agenda as set out in document EUCO XT 20005/17.

**3. Adoption of guidelines**

The European Council adopted guidelines following the United Kingdom's notification under Article 50 TEU as set out in document EUCO XT 20004/17. It agreed to enter two statements by the European Council into the minutes of its meeting (see Annex).

The European Council held a debate about the upcoming negotiations with the United Kingdom.

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**Statements to the Minutes of the European Council**

**Statement by the European Council**

The European Council adopts these guidelines following the United Kingdom's notification under Article 50 TEU on the understanding that they do not constitute a precedent for any Union legal act or for any relations between the Union and third countries or international organisations.

**Statement by the European Council**

The European Council acknowledges that the Good Friday Agreement expressly provides for an agreed mechanism whereby a united Ireland may be brought about through peaceful and democratic means; and, in this regard, the European Council acknowledges that, in accordance with international law, the entire territory of such a united Ireland would thus be part of the European Union.

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