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held on 14 December 2017

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At its meeting on 22 March 2018, the European Council approved the minutes of its meeting on 14 December 2017, as set out in this document, and decided to make them public.

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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 20/17.

## **3. Security and Defence**

After an informal exchange of views with the NATO Secretary General, the European Council reviewed progress in the field of security and defence. It welcomed the launch of permanent structured cooperation, called for further work in certain areas and decided to return to these matters in June 2018.

## **4. Social dimension, Education and Culture**

Following the Social Summit in Gothenburg on 17 November 2017, the European Council discussed further steps to develop the social dimension of the Union and decided to return to these matters in March 2018. The European Council also addressed work to be taken forward in the field of education and culture.

## **5. Climate change**

The European Council strongly reaffirmed the commitment of the EU and its Member States to swiftly and fully implement the Paris Agreement and to continue to lead in the fight against climate change.

## **6. Jerusalem**

The EU reiterated its firm commitment to the two-state solution and, in this context, the EU position on Jerusalem remains unchanged.

## 7. Other items

The European Council was informed by the Council Presidency on the review of the strategic guidelines for legislative and operational planning within the area of freedom, security and justice.

The European Council took stock of the implementation of the Minsk Agreements.

The European Council discussed the way forward on the external and internal dimension of migration policy.

## 8. Approval of the conclusions

The European Council approved the conclusions, reflecting the outcome of its discussions, as set out in document EUCO 19/1/17 REV 1.

## 9. Adoption of the minutes of the European Council on 19 October 2017 and decision to make them public

The European Council adopted the minutes of its meeting held on 19 October 2017 as set out in document EUCO 17/17 + COR 1 and decided to make them public.

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