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held on 22 March 2018

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At its meeting on 28 June 2018, the European Council approved the minutes of its meeting on 22 March 2018, 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 2/18.

## 3. Jobs, growth and competitiveness

The European Council reviewed progress made in delivering on the various Single Market strategies and agreed on next steps.

The European Council discussed the latest developments in the field of trade policy. Following the decision by the United States to impose tariffs on steel and aluminium, the European Council called for the temporary exemption granted to shipments from the European Union to be made permanent, strongly supporting the steps taken by the Commission.

The European Council held a discussion on economic matters in the presence of the President of the European Central Bank. It discussed the policy priority areas of the Annual Growth Survey and the draft Council recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area. It was informed by the President of the Eurogroup of on-going work on Banking Union. The European Council also returned to social issues.

## 4. Other Items

The European Council considered the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

The European Council held an exchange of views on the role of social networks and digital platforms in relation to citizens' privacy and personal data.

The European Council held a debate on taxation.

The European Council touched upon the preparations of the EU-Western Balkans Summit in Sofia on 17 May 2018.

The European Council held an extensive exchange of views on the Salisbury attack, which it condemned in the strongest possible terms. It agreed with the United Kingdom government's assessment that it is highly likely that the Russian Federation is responsible and that there is no plausible alternative explanation. It discussed the adoption of additional measures, at national levels, to be considered within a common framework. It agreed to the recall of the EU ambassador to Russia for consultations.

The European Council discussed Turkey's continued illegal actions in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Aegean Sea and strongly condemned them.

## **5. Appointment of the Vice-President of the European Central Bank**

The European Council decided to appoint Mr Luis DE GUINDOS JURADO as Vice-President of the European Central Bank for a term of office of eight years as from 1 June 2018 (doc. EUCO 6/18 + COR 1 (fi)).

## **6. Adoption of the conclusions**

The European Council adopted the conclusions, reflecting the outcome of its discussions, as set out in document EUCO 1/18.

## **7. Approval of the minutes of the European Council on 14 December 2017 and decision to make them public**

The European Council approved the minutes of its meeting held on 14 December 2017 as set out in document EUCO 22/17 and decided to make them public.

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