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At its meeting on 18 October 2018, the European Council approved the minutes of its meeting on 28 June 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 8/18.

3. Migration

The European Council held an extensive exchange of views on the EU's comprehensive approach to migration and provided guidance for further work, notably to further stem illegal migration on all existing and emerging routes.

4. Security and defence

After an informal exchange of views with the NATO Secretary General, the European Council assessed progress in the field of security and defence and called for further work in certain areas.

5. Jobs, growth and competitiveness

The European Council endorsed the integrated country-specific recommendations as discussed by the Council. Following the Leaders' debate on 22 March 2018, it reverted to the issue of fair and effective taxation, including digital taxation and VAT collection. The European Council addressed the latest developments in the field of trade policy, notably in light of the United States' decision to impose tariffs on the EU for steel and aluminium.

6. Innovation and digital

Following the Leaders' discussion in Sofia on 16 May 2018, the European Council provided guidance for further work in the area of innovation and digital, notably on data, Artificial Intelligence as well as breakthrough and disruptive innovation.

7. Other issues

The European Council touched upon the recent agreements regarding the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, returned to the downing of flight MH17 and endorsed the Council conclusions of 26 June 2018 on enlargement and stabilisation and association process. It invited the European Parliament and the Council to examine in a comprehensive manner and as soon as possible the proposals for the Multiannual Financial Framework for the period 2021-2027.

8. Adoption of the European Council Decision establishing the composition of the European Parliament

The European Council adopted the Decision establishing the composition of the European Parliament (EUCO 7/1/18 REV 1).

9. Adoption of the conclusions

The European Council adopted the conclusions, reflecting the outcome of its discussions, as set out in document EUCO 9/18 + COR 1.

10. Approval of the minutes of the European Council on 22 March 2018 and decision to make them public

The European Council approved the minutes of its meeting held on 22 March 2018 as set out in document EUCO 4/18 and decided to make them public.
