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At its meeting on 17 October 2024, the European Council approved the minutes of its meeting on 12 December 2019, 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 31/19.

## **3. Climate change**

The European Council endorsed the objective of achieving a climate neutral EU by 2050, though Poland could not as yet commit to implementing the objective. The European Council will revert to the issue in June 2020.

The European Council took note of the Commission Communication on the European Green Deal and asked the Council to take work forward in line with the climate neutrality by 2050 objective.

The European Council invited the Commission to prepare a proposal for the EU's long-term strategy with a view to its adoption by the Council and its submission to the UNFCCC in 2020. It also invited the Commission to propose, after a thorough impact assessment, an update of the EU's nationally determined contributions (NDC) for 2030 in view of COP26.

## **4. Multiannual Financial Framework**

The European Council addressed the issue of the next MFF and asked its President to take the negotiations forward.

## **5. Other items**

The European Council addressed the idea of a Conference on the Future of Europe and asked the Croatian Presidency to lead work on defining a Council position and to engage with the European Parliament and the Commission on the issue.

The European Council discussed the state of play of the implementation of the Minsk Agreements. It also exchanged views on Turkey's actions in the Mediterranean Sea. In this respect, it reaffirmed its solidarity with Cyprus and Greece.

The European Council addressed the issue of the preparation of the EU-Africa summit next year, tasking the Commission and the High Representative with preparing a basis for its discussion in June.

The European Council also addressed the paralysis of the WTO Appellate Body, and expressed its solidarity with Albania, recently hit by an earthquake.

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

The European Council adopted the conclusions, reflecting the outcome of its discussions, as set out in document EUCO 29/19.

## **7. Approval of the minutes of the European Council on 17 and 18 October 2019 and decision to make them public**

The European Council approved the minutes of its meeting held on 17 and 18 October 2019 as set out in document EUCO 26/19 and decided to make them public.

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