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At its meeting on 17 October 2024, the European Council approved the minutes of its meeting on 10 and 11 December 2020, 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 23/20.

## **3. MFF/NGEU**

Further to the agreement reached on a response to the concerns expressed with regard to the draft Regulation on a general regime of conditionality for the protection of the Union budget, the European Council invited the European Parliament and the Council to immediately take the necessary steps for the adoption of the whole package of relevant instruments, including the Multiannual Financial Framework Regulation and the Own Resources Decision. At this occasion, the Polish member of the European Council requested the entry of a statement in the minutes of the meeting (see Annex).

## **4. COVID-19**

The European Council discussed the handling of the COVID-19 pandemic, focusing on coordination in the area of vaccines, tests, restrictions and travel, and on the international stage.

## **5. Climate change**

The European Council endorsed a binding EU target of a net domestic reduction of at least 55% in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 compared to 1990. The EU's nationally determined contribution will be updated according to the new binding target and submitted to the UNFCCC secretariat by the end of the year.

The European Council provided guidance on the update of the EU's climate and energy policy framework. It will return to the matter and adopt additional guidance in time before the Commission puts forward its proposals.

## **6. Security**

The European Council addressed security issues and in particular the fight against radicalisation, terrorism and violent extremism.

## **7. External Relations**

The European Council discussed the situation in the Eastern Mediterranean and relations with Turkey. It invited the Council to adopt additional listings based on its Decision of 11 November 2019 concerning restrictive measures in view of Turkey's unauthorised drilling activities in the Eastern Mediterranean. The European Council also invited the High Representative and the Commission to submit a report on the state of play concerning the EU-Turkey political, economic and trade relations and on instruments and options on how to proceed, including on the extension of the scope of the above-mentioned decision for consideration at the latest at the March 2021 European Council.

The European Council also agreed conclusions on EU-US relations, the Southern Neighbourhood, Ostrovetz and the EU global human rights sanctions regime.

## **8. Adoption of the conclusions**

The European Council adopted the conclusions, reflecting the outcome of its discussions, as set out in document EUCO 22/20.

## **9. Appointment of a member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank**

The European Council decided to appoint Mr Frank ELDERSON member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank for a term of office of eight years as from 15 December 2020 (EUCO 26/20).

**Statement by Poland**

"The full implementation in good faith of the European Council conclusions and the related statements by the Commission on the interpretation and application of the regulation on a general conditionality for the protection of the Union budget pertains to Poland's vital national interests and is a precondition of Poland's consent to any legislative act related to the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027, including Next Generation EU."

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