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At its meeting on 17 October 2024, the European Council approved the minutes of its meeting on 15 and 16 October 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 16/20.

3. COVID-19

The European Council discussed the handling of the COVID-19 pandemic and provided guidance on the overall coordination effort and the work on vaccines. It decided to keep the matter under regular review.

4. EU-UK relations

The European Council discussed EU-UK relations. It invited the Union's chief negotiator to continue negotiations in the coming weeks, and called on the UK to make the necessary moves to make an agreement possible. It invited the Commission, in particular, to give timely consideration to unilateral and time-limited contingency measures that are in the EU's interest.

5. Climate change

The European Council discussed the EU's 2030 climate ambition. It invited the Council to take work on this agenda forward and the Commission to conduct in-depth consultations with Member States to assess the specific situations and to provide more information about the impact at Member States' level. The European Council will return to the issue at its December meeting with a view to agreeing a new emissions reduction target for 2030 and the submission of the EU's updated nationally determined contribution (NDC) to the UNFCCC before the end of the year.

6. External Relations

The European Council discussed EU-Africa relations ahead of upcoming political meetings with the African Union. It asked the Council to prepare a common approach to furthering international debt relief efforts for African countries by the end of November 2020.

The European Council agreed to hold a strategic discussion on the Southern Neighbourhood at its December meeting. It also addressed Belarus, Turkey and the downing of flight MH17.

7. Adoption of the conclusions

The European Council adopted the conclusions, reflecting the outcome of its discussions, as set out in document EUCO 15/20
