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At its meeting on 17 October 2024, the European Council approved the minutes of its meeting on 24 and 25 May 2021, 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 on the basis of document EUCO 6/21, to which it decided to add Belarus and Mali.

3. COVID-19

The European Council addressed coordination efforts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

4. Climate Change

Following the agreement reached in December 2020, the European Council held a further discussion on the EU's climate policy. The European Council will revert to the matter at an appropriate time.

5. Belarus

The European Council discussed measures concerning Belarus following the forced landing of a commercial flight and the detention by Belarusian authorities of two journalists.

6. Russia

The European Council held a strategic debate on Russia, reaffirming its commitment to the five principles. It invited the High Representative and the Commission to present a report with policy options on EU-Russia relations, in line with these principles, with a view to its meeting in June 2021.

7. UK

The European Council discussed EU-UK relations. It invited the Commission to continue its efforts to ensure full implementation of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement as well as the Withdrawal Agreement and its Protocols. The European Council will remain seized of the matter.

8. Middle East

The European Council addressed the ceasefire in the Middle East and reiterated its firm commitment to the two-state solution.

9. Mali

The European Council addressed the political crisis in Mali.

10. Adoption of the conclusions

The European Council adopted the conclusions, reflecting the outcome of its discussions, as set out in document EUCO 5/21.