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Subject: Special meeting of the European Council (30 and 31 May 2022)

At its meeting on 17 October 2024, the European Council approved the minutes of its meeting on 30 and 31 May 2022, 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 22/22.

3. Ukraine

The European Council held an informal exchange of views with the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr ZELENSKYY, via videolink.

It discussed Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and EU support to Ukraine, including macro-financial assistance and support for reconstruction.

It agreed that the sixth package of sanctions against Russia will cover crude oil, as well as petroleum products, delivered from Russia into Member States, with a temporary exception for crude oil delivered by pipeline. The European Council will revert to the issue of the temporary exception for crude oil delivered by pipeline as soon as possible.

In addition, with regard to the sixth package of sanctions against Russia, the European Council welcomed the announcements made by Germany and by Poland of their respective decision to stop their oil imports from Russia by the end of 2022.

The statements for the minutes presented, respectively, by the German delegation and by the Polish delegation, are reproduced in the Annex.

Furthermore, it is noted that transit fees levied by Member States on the use of oil pipelines may contribute to the level playing field.

The European Council took note of the preparation of the Commission's opinions on the application for EU membership of Ukraine as well as the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, and will revert to the matter at its June meeting.

4. Food security

The European Council held an informal exchange of views with the President of Senegal and Chairperson of the African Union, Macky SALL, via videolink.

The European Council addressed the destruction and illegal appropriation by Russia of agricultural production in Ukraine, and the consequences on food security and affordability. In that context, it discussed EU support, including to facilitate food exports from Ukraine via different land routes and EU ports, and international coordination to ensure a comprehensive global food security response.

5. Security and defence

In the light of the analysis of defence investment gaps and the various recommendations put forward to strengthen the European industrial and technological base, the European Council invited the Council to take work forward in the area of security and defence.

It will revert to this issue at a forthcoming meeting.

6. Energy

The European Council reviewed progress in phasing out the European Union's dependency on Russian gas, oil and coal imports as soon as possible. It will revert to this issue.

7. Adoption of the conclusions

The European Council adopted the conclusions, reflecting the outcome of its discussions, as set out in document EUCO 21/22.

Statement by the German delegation

“The Federal government restates that it will stop oil imports from Russian production by the end of the year.”

Statement by the Polish delegation

“Poland restates that it will stop oil imports from Russian production by the end of the year.”
