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At its meeting on 17 October 2024, the European Council approved the minutes of its meeting on 15 December 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 36/22.

3. Ukraine/Russia

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

The European Council discussed the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine in its different dimensions.

The European Council agreed that the issue of a possible roll-over of the sectoral sanctions regime on Russia's actions against Ukraine for a duration of 12 months instead of 6 months will be examined by the Council before June 2023, in the light of an assessment to be discussed in the relevant Council preparatory bodies.

It was also recalled that the Commission would continue working on an appropriate impact assessment of the sanctions in EU Member States.

4. Energy and economy

The European Council reviewed progress on the implementation of its October 2022 conclusions and provided further guidance. It underlined the importance of strengthening coordination and of continued work in view of the next storage filling and heating seasons.

5. Security and defence

The European Council took stock of progress made in implementing the security and defence commitments undertaken in Versailles on 10 and 11 March 2022.

6. Southern Neighbourhood

The European Council held a strategic discussion on relations with the Southern Neighbourhood.

7. Transatlantic relations

The European Council held a strategic discussion on transatlantic relations.

8. Other items

The European Council welcomed Croatia's entry into the Schengen area as from 1 January 2023.

The European Council endorsed the Council conclusions of 13 December 2022 on Enlargement and Stabilisation and Association Process, and agreed to grant the status of candidate country to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The European Council strongly condemned the application of death penalty and the unjustifiable use of force against peaceful protestors in Iran.

9. Adoption of the conclusions

The European Council adopted the conclusions, reflecting the outcome of its discussions, as set out in document EUCO 34/22.

Statement by Poland

“It is understood that work will continue on PILLAR 1.”
