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At its meeting on 17 October 2024, the European Council approved the minutes of its meeting on 21 and 22 October 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 32/22.

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. It reiterated its unequivocal condemnation and firm rejection of the illegal annexations by Russia. The European Council agreed that the European Union will continue to provide strong political, military and financial support to Ukraine, including for its liquidity needs, and step up its humanitarian response, in particular for winter preparedness.

4. Critical infrastructure

The European Council strongly condemned recent acts of sabotage against critical infrastructure and provided guidance with a view to enhancing resilience.

5. Energy and Economy

The European Council addressed energy and economy in a single exchange of views. It agreed that in light of the ongoing crisis, efforts to reduce demand, to ensure security of supply, to avoid rationing, and to lower energy prices for households and businesses across the Union need to be accelerated and intensified, and the integrity of the Single Market has to be preserved. The European Council called for urgent decisions on specific additional measures and on the Commission proposals. It also provided guidance on longer-term and structural measures. It remains seized of the matter.

6. External relations

The European Council held a strategic discussion on the European Union's relations with China. It called on Iran to immediately stop the violent crackdown against peaceful protestors and release those detained, in full respect of their civil and political rights.

The European Council took stock of preparations for the EU-ASEAN Commemorative Summit, for the 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP27) and for the 15th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Part Two).

7. Adoption of the conclusions

The European Council adopted the conclusions, reflecting the outcome of its discussions, as set out in document EUCO 31/22.
