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At its meeting on 17 October 2024, the European Council approved the minutes of its meeting on 23 March 2023, as set out in this document, and decided to make them public.

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1. Exchange of views with the Secretary-General of the United Nations

The European Council held an exchange of views with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres.

2. Exchange of views with the President of the European Parliament

The President of the European Parliament was heard by the European Council.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The European Council adopted its agenda as set out in document EUCO 5/23.

4. Ukraine

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 and the European Union's continued support to Ukraine and its people.

The European Council reaffirmed its continued support to the Republic of Moldova and invited the Commission to present a support package ahead of its next meeting.

5. Competitiveness, Single Market and the economy

The European Council provided guidance on Europe's long-term strategy to boost competitiveness and productivity and to harness the full potential of the Single Market and on action to make the EU's economic, industrial and technological base fit for the green and digital transitions. It invited the Council and the Commission to take work forward and to report on progress ahead of its June 2023 meeting.

The European Council held a strategic discussion on trade.

The European Council also endorsed the Council conclusions of 14 March 2023 on the economic governance review and discussed the policy priority areas of the Annual Growth Survey and the draft Council recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area.

6. Energy

The European Council reviewed progress on the implementation of its conclusions, notably with a view to preparedness for the winter and beyond.

7. Other items

The European Council was informed of progress in the implementation of its 9 February 2023 conclusions on migration. It will review implementation again in June.

The European Council also addressed:

- the outcome of the Donors' Conference in support of the people in Türkiye and Syria following the 6 February 2023 earthquake;
- the Agreement on the path to normalisation of relations between Kosovo* and Serbia and its Implementation Annex.
- human rights, democracy and the rule of law in Belarus.
- the agreement on the Windsor Framework.

8. Adoption of the conclusions

The European Council adopted the conclusions, reflecting the outcome of its discussions, as set out in document EUCO 4/23.

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.