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At its meeting on 17 October 2024, the European Council approved the minutes of its meeting on 29 and 30 June 2023, 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 8/1/23 REV 1.

3. Ukraine

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

The European Council renewed the EU's commitment to providing continued financial, economic, humanitarian, military and diplomatic support to Ukraine for as long as it takes.

4. Economy

The European Council held an exchange of views on the current economic situation. It reviewed progress and provided guidance in the area of industrial policy, the Single Market and Europe's long-term competitiveness and productivity.

The European Council looked forward to the first annual progress review on enhancing the Union's competitiveness and increasing productivity and growth at its March 2024 meeting.

The European Council called for an independent High-Level Report on the future of the Single Market to be presented at its meeting of March 2024 and invited the incoming presidencies of the Council and the Commission to take this work forward, in consultation with the Member States.

5. Security and defence

After an informal exchange of views with the NATO Secretary General, the European Council took stock of work carried out to implement its previous conclusions, the March 2022 Versailles Declaration and the Strategic Compass.

6. Migration

The European Council held a thorough discussion on migration, following an update from the Council Presidency and the Commission on the implementation of its previous conclusions.

7. China

The European Council held a strategic discussion on the EU's relations with China.

8. External relations

The European Council addressed:

- preparations for the EU-CELAC Summit to be held on 17-18 July 2023;
- the Union's relations with partners in the Southern Neighbourhood, in particular Tunisia;
- the EU membership perspective of the Western Balkans;
- the recent violent incidents in the north of Kosovo*; and
- the reinforced presence of the African Union in international forums, notably the G20.

9. Eastern Mediterranean

The European Council exchanged views on the Cyprus problem as well as on the EU's relations with Türkiye.

The European Council invited the High Representative and the Commission to submit a report to the European Council on the state of play of EU-Türkiye relations, building on the instruments and options identified by the European Council, and with a view to proceeding in a strategic and forward-looking manner.

10. Other items

The European Council discussed the importance of strengthening resilience in strategic areas in the context of cross-sectoral and cross-border crises and natural and human-made disasters.

* 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.

11. Adoption of the conclusions

The European Council adopted the conclusions, reflecting the outcome of its discussions, as set out in document EUCO 7/23.

The President of the European Council drew, under his responsibility, conclusions on the external dimension of migration which are set out in document EUCO 10/23.
