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At its meeting on 12 December 2019, the **European Council** approved the minutes of its meeting on 17 and 18 October 2019, 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 24/19.

**3. Multiannual Financial Framework**

The European Council held an exchange of views on key issues of the Multiannual Financial Framework. It called on the Presidency to submit a Negotiating Box with figures ahead of the European Council in December 2019.

**4. The next institutional cycle**

The European Council heard a report by the Finnish member of the European Council on the follow-up to the Strategic Agenda undertaken in the Council. It exchanged views with President-elect Ursula von der Leyen on the incoming Commission's contribution to the implementation of the EU's priorities as set out in the Strategic Agenda.

The European Council agreed to use a written procedure to adopt the decision appointing the European Commission, once the European Parliament has given its consent.

**5. Climate change**

The European Council addressed international aspects of the fight against climate change.

**6. Other items**

The European Council discussed the issue of enlargement and decided to return to it before the EU-Western Balkans summit in Zagreb in May 2020.

The European Council discussed Turkey's unilateral military action in North East Syria, underlined that it remains engaged in its efforts towards effectively addressing the serious humanitarian and refugee crisis in the light of evolving needs and came back to Turkey's illegal drilling activities in Cyprus' Exclusive Economic Zone.

The European Council addressed the ongoing investigation into the downing of flight MH17.

**7. Adoption of the conclusions**

The European Council adopted the conclusions, reflecting the outcome of its discussions, as set out in document EUCO 23/19.

**8. Adoption of the European Council Decision appointing the President of the European Central Bank**

The European Council adopted the decision appointing the President of the European Central Bank, as set out in document EUCO 27/19.

**9. Approval of the minutes of the European Council on 30 June, 1 and 2 July 2019 and decision to make them public**

The European Council approved the minutes of its meeting held on 30 June, 1 and 2 July 2019 as set out in document EUCO 19/19 + COR 1 (en) and decided to make them public.