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**1. Exchange of views with the President of the European Parliament**

The European Council held an exchange of views with the President of the European Parliament, focussing on the future Multiannual Financial Framework.

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

The European Council adopted its agenda (doc. EUCO 201/12).

**3. Multiannual Financial Framework**

The European Council held a discussion on the future Multiannual Financial Framework and adopted the statement reproduced in annex.

**4. Appointment of a member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank**

The European Council decided to appoint Mr Yves MERSCH as a member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank for a term of office of eight years as from 15 December 2012 (doc. EUCO 194/1/12 REV 1).

**5. Adoption of the minutes of the European Council meeting on 18-19 October 2012**

The European Council approved the minutes of its meeting held on **18-19 October 2012** (doc. EUCO 157/12).

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**Statement by the Members of the European Council**

**23 November 2012**

The European Council gives its President the mandate together with the President of the European Commission to continue the work and pursue consultations in the coming weeks to find a consensus among the 27 over the Union's Multiannual Financial Framework for the period 2014-2020.

The bilateral talks and the constructive discussion within the European Council show a sufficient degree of potential convergence to make an agreement possible in the beginning of next year.

We should be able to bridge existing divergences of views. A European budget is important for the cohesion of the Union and for jobs and growth in all our countries.

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