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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 (doc. EUCO 17/11).

3. Economic policy

The European Council held a discussion on economic policy, in particular as regards the broad guidelines of the economic policies of the Member States and of the Union. It concluded the first European semester by assessing Member States' programmes and by endorsing the country-specific recommendations. In this context, Member States participating in the Euro Plus Pact agreed to enhance the ambition and precision of their commitments. The European Council assessed the situation of those Member States with an adjustment programme.

4. Migration

The European Council set orientations for the development of the EU's migration policy, as regards the governance of the Schengen area, the control of external borders, the development of partnerships with the countries of the Southern Neighbourhood and the completion of the Common European Asylum System by 2012. In this context it approved a declaration to its minutes (see annex).

5. Croatia

The European Council invited the Council to take all necessary decisions for the conclusion of accession negotiations with Croatia by the end of June 2011.

6. Southern Neighbourhood

The European Council discussed developments in its Southern Neighbourhood and adopted a Declaration on this subject, as set out in the Annex to the conclusions.

7. Other items

The European Council:

- = adopted the decision appointing the President of the European Central Bank (doc. EUCO 19/1/11);
- = endorsed the EU Strategy for the Danube Region;
- = endorsed the Presidency's report on Roma inclusion;
- = welcomed the annual report on EU development aid targets;
- = was informed by its President of the progress of work on its future "EUROPA" building.

8. Approval of the conclusions

The European Council approved its conclusions, setting out the outcome of its discussions (doc. EUCO 23/11).

9. Adoption of the minutes of the European Council meeting on 24-25 March 2011

The European Council adopted the minutes of its meetings held on 24-25 March 2011 (doc. EUCO 16/11).

Statement

"The European Council agrees that paragraphs 20 and 21 of its conclusions do not affect the Council conclusions of 9/10 June 2011 on the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to Schengen".
