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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 28/16.

## **3. Migration**

The European Council discussed the situation in the Eastern and Central Mediterranean. It set clear orientations concerning the external aspects of migration and invited the High Representative, including in her role as Vice-President of the Commission, to implement this new approach and coordinate between the EU institutions and services and the Member States, with a view to concluding the first compacts before the end of the year.

The European Council also gave indications on the financing aspects. The President of the European Investment Bank (EIB) presented the EIB's initiative in the Southern Neighbourhood and Western Balkan countries.

## **4. Jobs, Growth and Investment**

The European Council generally endorsed the country-specific recommendations as discussed by the Council.

It adopted a Single Market Agenda, calling for swift and determined progress in a number of key areas, and for the different Single Market strategies (including on energy) and action plans to be completed and implemented by 2018.

The European Council was debriefed by the Commission on on-going trade negotiations.

It also discussed the Investment Plan for Europe, in particular the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI), and called for the forthcoming proposals on the future of EFSI to be examined as a matter of urgency.

The European Council took stock of progress achieved in the work towards completing the Economic and Monetary Union and endorsed the recommendation on National Productivity Boards. It also underlined that the fight against tax fraud, evasion and avoidance, and against money laundering remained a priority, both within the EU and internationally. Finally, it returned to the situation in the agricultural sector, notably dairy and pigmeat.

## **5. External relations**

The European Council returned to the situation in Libya.

The High Representative presented the Global Strategy for the European Union's Foreign and Security Policy. The European Council welcomed the presentation of the Strategy and called on the Commission and the Council to take the work forward.

The European Council discussed EU-NATO cooperation in the presence of the NATO Secretary General, ahead of the NATO summit in Warsaw in July. It noted that the President of the European Council and the President of the European Commission would issue a declaration together with the NATO Secretary General in July.

The European Council was informed by the Dutch Prime Minister about the referendum held in the Netherlands on the Association Agreement with Ukraine. It invited the Council to seek a solution as soon as possible.

## **6. Outcome of the UK referendum**

The UK Prime Minister informed the European Council about the outcome of the referendum in the UK.

## **7. European Union Strategy for the Alpine Region**

The European Council endorsed the European Union Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP) and supported the call upon all actors in their different roles to ensure adequate visibility, communication and awareness raising about the Strategy's objectives and results, as outlined in the Council conclusions adopted on 27 November 2015 (doc. 14613/15).

## **8. Approval of the conclusions**

The European Council approved the conclusions, reflecting the outcome of its discussions, as set out in document EUCO 26/16.

## **9. Adoption of the minutes of the European Council meeting held on 17-18 March 2016**

The European Council adopted the minutes of its meeting held on 17-18 March 2016 as set out in document EUCO 14/16.

**Statement by Hungary and the Slovak Republic**

"The position of Hungary and the Slovak Republic on paragraph 1 of the European Council Conclusions of 28 June 2016 is without prejudice to the pending legal actions at the Court of Justice of the European Union against Council Decision (EU) 2015/1601 of 22 September 2015 (Case C-643/15 and 647/15)".

**Statement by Poland**

"The position of Poland on paragraph 1 of the European Council Conclusions of 28 June 2016 is without prejudice to the pending legal actions at the Court of Justice of the European Union against Council Decision (EU) 2015/1601 of 22 September 2015 (Case C-643/15 and 647/15), in which Poland has intervened in support of the applicants".

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