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At its meeting on 17 October 2024, the European Council approved the minutes of its meeting on 27 June 2024, as set out in this document, and decided to make them public.

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1. Exchange of views with the President of Ukraine

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

2. Exchange of views with the President of the European Parliament

The President of the European Parliament was heard by the European Council.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The European Council adopted its agenda as set out in document EUCO 16/24.

4. Ukraine

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

The European Council considered that the restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine should be prolonged for six months until 31 January 2025.

5. Middle East

The European Council discussed the latest developments in the Middle East.

6. Security and defence

Recalling its conclusions of March 2024, the European Council discussed urgent, immediate and medium-term defence needs and European defence initiatives and held a first discussion on options for mobilising funding for European defence.

7. Competitiveness

The European Council reviewed progress on initiatives to enhance the Union's competitiveness, secure its economic resilience and achieve the full potential of the Single Market, calling for swift and decisive progress on all strands of the new European competitiveness deal by the end of the year. It will remain seized of the matter.

8. Other items

The European Council addressed:

- migration;
- the Black Sea;
- the Republic of Moldova;
- Georgia;
- hybrid threats; and
- the fight against antisemitism, racism and xenophobia.

9. The next institutional cycle

The European Council adopted the Decision electing António COSTA President of the European Council for the period from 1 December 2024 to 31 May 2027 (EUCO 20/24), with the Italian member voting against. It requested the Secretary-General of the Council to assist the elected President of the European Council in the transition period.

The European Council welcomed the Decision of the Heads of State or Government of the Contracting Parties to the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union whose currency is the euro to appoint António COSTA President of the Euro Summit for the period from 1 December 2024 to 31 May 2027 (10769/24), with the Italian member voting against.

The European Council adopted the Decision proposing Ursula VON DER LEYEN to the European Parliament as candidate for President of the European Commission (EUCO 21/24), with the Hungarian member voting against and the Italian member abstaining.

The European Council stated that it considers Kaja KALLAS to be the appropriate candidate for High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, subject to the agreement of the President-elect of the Commission, with the Italian member indicating her intention to vote against the decision and the Hungarian member indicating his intention to abstain.

The European Council adopted a new Strategic Agenda for the Union for 2024-2029.

10. Roadmap for future work on internal reforms

The European Council adopted a roadmap for future work on internal reforms.

The European Council will review progress in June 2025 and give further guidance as needed.

11. Adoption of the conclusions

The European Council adopted the conclusions, reflecting the outcome of its discussions, as set out in document EUCO 15/24.

12. Approval of the minutes of the European Council on 17-18 April 2024 and decision to make them public

The European Council approved the minutes of its meeting held on 17-18 April 2024 as set out in document EUCO 14/24 and decided to make them public.
