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At its meeting on 17 October 2024, the European Council approved the minutes of its meeting on 24 and 25 March 2022, 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 United States

The European Council held an exchange of views with the President of the United States, Joseph Robinette BIDEN, Jr, on transatlantic cooperation in the context of the Russian military aggression against Ukraine.

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 2/22.

4. Russian military aggression against Ukraine

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

The European Council discussed Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and the coordinated political, financial, material and humanitarian support the European Union provides to Ukraine. It agreed to develop a Ukraine Solidarity Trust Fund.

Following the adoption of significant sanctions against Russia and Belarus, the European Council remains ready to close loopholes and target actual and possible circumventions, as well as to move quickly with further coordinated robust sanctions. The European Council called on all countries to align with EU sanctions.

The European Council recognised all the efforts already made to welcome refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine and invited the Commission to take any necessary initiatives to facilitate such efforts.

5. Security and defence

The European Council endorsed the Strategic Compass and invited the Council to take work forward in the area of security and defence. It will revert to this issue.

6. Energy

The European Council discussed high energy prices and how to address them. It will revert to this issue.

7. Economic issues

The European Council provided guidance on the EU's Single Market and addressed rising food prices and global food security. It discussed the policy priority areas of the Annual Growth Survey and the draft Council recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area. The European Council will revert to these issues.

8. COVID-19

The European Council reviewed coordination efforts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and took stock of progress in the deployment of international cooperation on global health governance and solidarity. It will revert to this issue.

9. External relations

The European Council discussed relations with China in the new global context and prepared the EU-China summit. It also addressed the prolonged political crisis in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

10. Election of the President of the European Council

The European Council adopted the decision re-electing Mr Charles MICHEL President of the European Council for the period from 1 June 2022 until 30 November 2024 (document EUCO 19/22).

11. Adoption of the conclusions

The European Council adopted the conclusions, reflecting the outcome of its discussions, as set out in document EUCO 1/22.
