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## **MINUTES**

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Subject: Special meeting of the European Council (Art. 50) (21 March 2019)

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At its meeting on 10 April 2019, the European Council (Art. 50)<sup>1</sup> approved the minutes of the above meeting that finished on 22 March 2019, as set out in this document, and decided to make them public.

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<sup>1</sup> Following a notification under Article 50 TEU, the member of the European Council representing the withdrawing Member State shall not participate in the discussions of the European Council or in decisions concerning it.

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## **1. Exchange of views with 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 XT 20001/19.

## **3. Brexit**

The European Council discussed the state of play on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union in the light of the letter sent by the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom on 20 March 2019 requesting an extension under Article 50 TEU (EUCO XT 20005/19). It approved the Instrument relating to the Withdrawal Agreement (XT 21014/19) and the Joint Statement supplementing the Political Declaration (XT 21018/19) agreed between the European Commission and the government of the United Kingdom in Strasbourg on 11 March 2019. The European Council adopted the conclusions as set out in document EUCO XT 20004/19 by which the European Council *inter alia* agreed to an extension of the period under Article 50(3) TEU. Following the letter from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the President of the European Council of 22 March 2019 confirming the agreement of the Government of the United Kingdom to the extension and to the draft decision (EUCO XT 20007/19), the European Council adopted the Decision taken in agreement with the United Kingdom, extending the period under Article 50(3) TEU (EUCO XT 20006/19).

## **4. Approval of the minutes of the European Council (Art. 50) held on 13 December 2018 and decision to make them public**

The European Council approved the minutes of its special meeting held on 13 December 2018 as set out in document EUCO XT 20021/18 and decided to make them public.