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FRENCH GOVERNMENT OF PHILIPPE HELD ITS 1ST MINISTERIAL COUNCIL AT ELYSEE

SPOKESPERSON CASTANER STRESSES SOLIDARITY

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USPA NEWS - On May 18, 2017, the French government held the first Council of Ministers of the Edouard Philippe Prime Minister under Emmanuel Macron new President. Christophe Castaner the spokesperson describes it "Typical of an unprecedented government, because it is made up of women and men from civil society."

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MOST OF THE NEW MEMBERS APPOINTED AT GOVERNMENT WERE DISCOVERING ELYSEE-----

For half of the appointees were belonging to the civil society body, and some of them had never been attending a council or summit in a ministry, nor the Elysee Palace. It was a "discovery for a good part of the 18 ministers and four secretaries of state appointed the day before". acknowledges Christophe Castaner the spokesperson.

Emmanuel Macron, the new elect french President inaugurated a one of kind, new method Thursday, May 17, 2017, for the first cabinet meeting of his government. Journalists were able to witness the arrival at the Elysee of members of the government who, one after the other, arrived in French Limousine cars. They have all been dropped by their carriages in front of the steps of the Elysee (Except gear Collomb, New interior Minister who came by walk, as his minister is located a few meters from Elysee, at Place Beauvau. They at that time posed for the photos but did not say a word to the journalists pooled in the courtyard. This is the new policy, as straight away implemented wished by the new PR staff of Emmanuel Macron. There is no need to talk to the press, unless there is very urgent or important to declare. Otherwise, the new method is to transmit the information via the spokesperson, who is the privileged intermediate, from government towards the journalists.

"There is no question of collecting their first impressions when they leave the Council". Explained Christophe Castaner. The Elysée decided, contrary to custom, to close the court to the journalists to quietly make the famous family photo.

MAJOR ISSUES TACKLED AT 1ST COUNCIL OF MINISTERS-INCLUDING CLIMATE CHANGE-----

The twenty two ministers seating around the new elected President Emmanuel Macron and the spokesperson Christophe Castaner (Who is also Minister in charge of Relations between Elysee and The Parliament), tackled few issues, to tackle in priority, means in the coming weeks. The topics were displayed about, "Parity and effectiveness political gathering". explained the spokesperson. He continues : "If we have been chosen to this title, it is because of our competence and to renew with responsibility what much has been done, yet...And will have a defense council this afternoon."-----

The spokesperson recalls that "Cleavages and (Political) labels, have to be banned and recalled "The ecological responsibility.

The European challenges and Africa and the Middle East are also priorities.-----

The President also discussed about "climate issues to go beyond the agreement, and also the importance of "Carrying the most European project, with object of reforms and requirements of each one for the results." Especially the "Detached workers and commercial and agricultural reciprocity". he recalled.-----

The spokesperson stressed on how important it is to "Remember some rules of solidarity between all the members of the testimony of the one between each other and respect the courses of each one and collective work and dialogue you are depositaries of the confidence of the French." according to the wish of President Macron.

THE PRESIDENT WILL SET THE STRATEGY AND THE GOVERNMENT IS TO IMPLEMENT

"It is the President of the Republic who will set the strategy and all the prerogatives and will set a roadmap for a balance of institutions and the dignity of the institutions. There will be no forgiveness at the top level."The President of the Republic wants a Prime Minister who arbitrates and that is his role. It will make trade-offs over the long term. At Elysee everyone should stay in his place." Explained Christophe Castaner

PLACE OF MINISTERIAL CABINETS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CENTERS

"The ministry does not replace the central administrative system, which will also review and change for the next ministers in the next

weeks. The ministerial experience and the role of the ministerial council which had lost the reflection and the arbitration will be discussed with the French by the President of the Republic."

SOLIDARITY AND COLLEGIALLY ARE THE GOLDEN RULES FOR THE MINISTERS

The golden rules, even if they are already known, are confidentiality, solidarity and collegiality. We must be careful about what is being discussed. The impatience of the journalists gathered information will be respected but the confidentiality will have to be respected. And avoid leakage. So it works well for now." The spokesperson, said.

THE REFORMS WILL BE THE FIRST PRIORITIES-----

"There will be a rapid roadmap, of course, be the reform of work for labor, national education, and political moralisation. There is also the simplification of administrative life, as well as general information, ahead of the 4 weeks of legislative elections must work." the spokesperson explained.

CHRISTOPHE CASTANER THE SPOKESPERSON ANSWERED TWO QUESTIONS TO RAHMA SOPHIA RACHDI--

QUESTION Rahma Sophia Rachdi: The Ministry of Mr Nicolas Hulot, has been expanded to "Ecological transition and Solidarity", what does the term "solidarity" imply and encompass?

ANSWER Christophe Castaner:

"It was the desire to change the transversality of sustainable development and the energy transition, the President of the Republic was very offensive on this subject, (Means during the Council fo Ministers) because it is solidarity that is also mobile with two transversal objectives. Energy transition and sustainable development, are concerned, but not only, as gender equality and accessibility for people with disabilities, are also included in solidarity. Nicolas Hulot will clarify this, later on."----**PRESIDENT MACRON WANTS EXEMPLARITY FOR ACCESSIBILITY TO THE DISABLED AT ELYSEE PALACE**

-----**QUESTION** Rahma Sophia

Rachdi:-----

"Are you going to make an effort in accessibility for disabled at the Elysee and in this room from a technical and ethical point of view? (I'm Wheelchair bound myself, and the room for Press debriefing at Elysee is not accessible for wheel chairs. This situation has not permitted me for 3 years of covering this weekly event, in this press room, although covering Elysee Palace)

-----**ANSWER** Christophe Castaner: There is no reason for this room can be no longer inaccessible. And if not possible, we will change to another room. We must be exemplary from now on." answered Christophe Castaner the spokesperson.

"IT IS A GOVERNMENT OF ACTION AND SOLIDARITY" SAID CHRISTOPHE CASTANER-----

"Coherence does not mean uniformity, because each has a different path, and a diversity of opinions, then it becomes the rule and calls for collective solidarity. The President of the Republic during the Council of Ministers, was happy about the faces around him, and he expressed "do not change". The pride of this team, is to have heard the anger of the people during the elections campaign but also the hope. There will be have obligations for collegiality for ministers and will have to draw up a note, for a higher efficiency of government action, and this implies intellectual freedom and solidarity." add the spokesperson

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