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## BRIGITTE MACRON PERFORMS FEMINIST DIPLOMACY WITH NOBEL PEACE PRIZE FOR EQUALITY

### AND EMMA WATSON AT ELYSEE PALACE

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#### BRIGITTE MACRON VERY ACTIVE BEHIND THE SCENES WITH PRESIDENT MACRON-----

Emma Watson arrived at the Elysee accompanied by the Mauritanian feminist activist Aïssata Lam. The actress was welcomed on the steps of the Elysée by Brigitte Macron. The previous day, Emma Watson had already exchanged with Marlene Schiappa, Secretary of State for Equality Women-Men, at a dinner gathering members of this advisory council. After a morning of work, the small group then went to the Elysee around 16h. It was in the Napoleon III salon that this inspiring meeting was held, wished by Emmanuel Macron and led by Marlene Schiappa. Around them, about thirty personalities were present. It was also Brigitte Macron who welcomed the members of the council on the steps of the Elysee, while the President of the Republic was traveling in Alsace, the cemetery where 96 Jewish graves were desecrated. The council worked on three axes, defined as priorities by France: education of girls, violence against women and female entrepreneurship. In addition to Emma Watson, board members include the three Nobel laureates Denis Mukwege, Nadia Murad and Wided Bouchamaoui, or Tunisian lawyer and activist Bochra Belhaj Hmida.-----

Among them, Nadia Murad and Denis Mukwege, who jointly received last December the Nobel Peace Prize. The former sex slave of Daesh, who became the voice of Yazidi women, and the "Doctor Miracle" who repairs women raped in the Democratic Republic of Congo, tirelessly denounce sexual violence in war. They have agreed to chair the Gender Equality Advisory Council. They were accompanied by another person who received the Nobel Peace Prize, but this time in 2015.

Director Lisa Azuelos, journalist Caroline Fourest and Executive Chairman of Havas Worldwide and founder of BETC Mercedes Erra were also present. Emma Watson spoke cyberbullying, as reported "Paris Match": "I too was attacked. It was a source of great anxiety. Digital companies need to respond better. If you have the privilege of being able to offer you a lawyer, we sometimes answer you faster ... But women commit suicide because of that! ". There is urgency to act indeed.

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It is after having drawn from the most favorable legislation for women in the world that they presented their main proposals: to condition the official development aid to the access of girls to education, to create a world fund for women victims of rape as a weapon of war and use the weight of the G7 to push the GAFAM to fight against cyberharrasement. "I know the problem, I too was attacked. Women are committing suicide around the world," said Emma Watson, already involved in harassment and sexual violence. "Let's make this committee a group of activists, without waiting for the month of August, with very concrete actions" in particular to put pressure on the giants of digital, Emmanuel Macron urged them. "That people who have become accustomed to anonymity, we take off their masks, that big groups used to live on that, we take away this freedom, that we put protection wherever it is needed", has he

claimed. In addition to the proposals it has made, the council also wants to monitor G7 commitments on gender equality. Source : Rahma Sophia Rachdi and other sources Paris Match.

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