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## PM BORIS JOHNSON VISITS PDT MACRON AT ELYSEE TO DISCUSS BREXIT IN LUNCHEON

### TWO MONTHS FOR GETTING A DEAL

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Boris Johnson, very smiling, made a strong statement, while taking notes when President Macron spoke, his determination to leave the UK from the European Union on 31 October. He added that without any circumstance, the EU will not do checks on the borders, as the "Backstop" stipulates. On the French side, the president Emmanuel Macron, has displayed a very good mine and a big smile, to camp on his position too, saying that he "greatly respected the referendum and the sovereignty of the British people" and that "at risk of being seen as the villain of the band "he only" respects the will of the UK to leave the European Union ". Boris Johnson told the press about Angela Merkel's "more flexible" position yesterday, that he appreciated her openness and enthusiasm to "be able to do in two months what could have been done". two years ". To which, President Macron retorted that "we will use the two months left to finish this Brexit" and that concerning the "One month mentions yesterday by Angel Merkel" corresponds more to "a month of visibility on the advances" and that it is enough that the two conditions "and Stability of Ireland and the One Market" are respected and that "if this is not possible in two months, it proves that the problem is much deeper than and in which case it will have to be solved by Great Britain herself "

We publish later the complete joint desiccation and Q & A session that followed with the press on the steps of Palace Elysee.

It is very hardly for the two heads of state to find a compromise to be reached, as from one side President Macron keeps firm on his position likewise Boris Johnson, British PM, as far as Brexit is concerned.-----

**FRENCH PRESIDENT MACRON** : I am very pleased to receive here Boris Johnson the British PM, at Elysee, on behalf of our Franco British friendship. In terms of foreign policy, this friendship is deep and has a history and with deep commitments on all the current crises of Iran, Sahel, education of girls, climate not damned been essential. In a few days, we will make the discussion narrower. For BREXIT my position is slamming and I know the PM you are spending days and nights. If I had been a voter I would not choose this choice but my attachment to Sovereign choice, And finally preserve bilateral relationship. It is in this spirit that One has ratified this withdrawal from the European Union.

Only UK can negotiate or renegotiate but the back stop is just technical constraints but essential tools to the united social and integral part of this whole file. The EU has shown its availability and the bottom of our common future. I mean as a friend and allies from UK that it's up to him alone to decide his destiny and the future relations he's going to have with Europe and we're considering all the solutions including the non negotiated and away from our citizens and businesses must be snobs ready. But our values "can only be found in the European Union, and we are all in this respect, and the coming will tell us about the vicissitudes of the future.-----

**BRITISH PM BORIS JOHNSON** :

Thank you it is great to be here and to this amazing introduction. i might go straight to the subject about the deal We can get a deal and we have beeb encouraged followed our last communication and we can forward our citizen and Emmanuel has pointed that we can have a politics on the act of the referendum and that's why we must be out UE o n 31 st October. taking ut our relationship and

friendship extraordinary and french groups are working together to fight against terrorism in Sahel, and in Estonia to protect borders and when a sad regime with its weapons, it is UK and US have shown their solidarity together and super sonic aircraft and uncle channel and other collaborative projects. At G7 in Biarritz it is gonna be a great success and UK a end France work coude a coude to fight against climate change and optics education. Whatever will happen it is our joy and ambition to maintain the franc UK basis and in terms of economy and your beautiful VGV's and coming from ou r steel. but it can be more powerful for the culture economic and am proud to say the contradictions our capital city and tat or city in London has been supported by France as well as the French citizen including our citizen in your country an let's not wait until October 31st anklet's do it. just after lunch.

Q1 : IS THE TRADING OF BACK STOP GOING TO SQUARE ZERO ? ANGELA MERKEL SHOWED SOME FLEXIBILITY OVER THE CHANGING OVER BACK STOP, COULD YOU SHOW SOME MORE FLEXIBILITY FROM YOURSELF, PRESIDENT ?-----

BRITISH PM BORIS JOHNSON acknowledges as he answered to the questions asked by the Press : « It has been already engaged to be smooth on the aviation and other sectors. What we want now is to do the necessary work form the two channels, our Brexit to be smooth form both sides. »-----

PRESIDENT MACRON : « As I said in my introduction, the BackStop was negotiated considering Ireland's geographical conditions with a guarantee of stability in Ireland and that of Unique Market. The flexibility of these two goals must land held, and guaranteed to consumer citizens and businesses that the rules subject to these rules have controls at some point. The "Good Friday agreement" is a reality in Ireland and we must respect what has been negotiated another work must be done. So far we talk about the withdrawal agreement there will be another step that will follow after the withdrawal. » Replied President Macron to the question of the press,-----

BRITISH PM JOHNSON : He camped on his position with a strong determination: « Under any circumstances regarding Ireland the UK government is checking that borders and I understand you to eeriest this integrity, and we can still respect it with the BREXIT as it was. Some of the positive alternative have been made and proposals »

Q2: ARE YOU ON THE SAME PAGE AS REGARD AS A BACK STOP IN 40 DAYS?-----

PRESIDENT MACRON acknowledges promptly «As far as what Merkel said yesterday is that we need visibility in 30 days, for the "back stop". No one will wait until October 31 without finding a solution. We must try to have a useful month with Michel Barnier to find elements of constraints without forgetting the deep equilibrium, following the unanimous decision of 27. I am like (Angela, German Chancellor) Merkel who thinks that our will to build with 30 days. I have always been portrayed as the villain of the gang, but as the choice has been made, it must be respected by demonstrating things for an express need for our citizens. « President Macron, adds, « However, in 30 days we will not re-negotiate, but the stability in Ireland and the Single Market must be found otherwise it will mean that the problem is deeper and then it will be up to the British to solve it by themselves. » Answers President Macron, to the question asked by the Press,-----

BRITISH PM BORIS JOHNSON answered the press question as he referred to Angela Merkel congratulates hi on the fast pace of Brexit negotiation : « If you can do this in two years you can do it in 2 months. So the elements are available, under any circumstance. He adds very firmly : « There are other ways to find that. As i said there are more proposals, check for rules, stop smuggling etc but not checks on the frontier, stated repeatedly, as he concluded British PM Boris Johnson.

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