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PRESIDENT MACRON ADDRESSES A POWERFUL SPEECH AT GLOBAL UN CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT

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USPA NEWS - This year, in the face of worsening climate crisis, UN Summit delivers pathways and practical actions to shift global repossess into higher gear. Leaders from government, business, and civil society today announced potentially far-reaching steps to confront climate change at the United Nations Secretary-General's Climate Action Summit in New York. Amongst these leaders, French President Macron, addressed the other global leaders, inviting them to reboot the Paris Agreement of 2015, against global warming and towards decarbonization. Emmanuel Macron, very active in revigorating the Paris Agreement since COP21, launching his motto « Make the Planet Great again » and initiating the One Planet Summit, has recalled the deadlines for humankind « We are now at \$7 billion," Macron said. "The target is \$10 billion to make for the United States withdrawal. » President Macron announced delightfully that Russia just ratified the Paris Agreement. Likewise Greenpeace Russia welcomed the decision to accept the Paris Agreement. "Russia's actions have great significance: our country has a huge potential to cut down on greenhouse gas emissions," the environmental organisation said in a statement.

PRESIDENT MACRON ALONGSIDE HH SHAIKH TAMIM EMIR OF QATAR ADDRESSES SPEECH AT UN CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT - NYORK-----Climate change is the defining issue of our time and now is the defining moment to do something about it. There is still time to tackle climate change, but it will require an unprecedented effort from all sectors of society.

s President Macron was sitting next to The Emir HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, who headed the State of Qatar's delegation, had just afterwards, an announcement of a large pledge of \$100M Aid to finance climate change, for mitigation and align private and public finance with Paris Agreement Goals. At this point of the Climate Change Summit, Together with French President Emmanuel Macron and Prime Minister of the Republic of Jamaica Andrew Holness, Sheikh Tamim participated in the Climate Finance and Carbon Pricing coalition. Whereas UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson, pledged to double the UK's funding for tackling climate change over the next five years. He said that the UK would increase its climate-related overseas development funding to £11.6Bn (\$144Bn) over the next five years. Mr Johnson pointed to the UK's solar industry and to the country's decline in emissions as reasons to be optimistic. According to FT The 16 year old climate activist Greta Thunberg has delivered a sharp rebuke to world leaders, saying their inaction over global warming was failing future generations and pushing the world towards an era of extinction. (Source : FT). The teenager activist in a very emotional keynote at UN, « We will never forgive you » as for a bitter reaction to the explanation. She meant that the inaction of the leaders had a bad consequences that ruined her future life and the other teenagers of her age. She added that her youth were stolen and you broke my dreams : This is all wrong. I shouldn't be up here, I should be back ins school on the other side of the ocean. You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words ». On the other side of the Leadership of the global head of states, President Macron, tried to boost ambition and accelerate actions to implement the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, during this global summit. Meanwhile, UN Secretary-General António Guterres is also asking leaders, from government, business and civil society, to come to the 2019 Climate Action Summit on 23 September with plans to address the global climate emergency. Other world leaders due to address the one-day gathering include The Amir HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and US President Donald Trump and Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro are not attending. We are publishing the full text of President Macron's speech, at UN Climate Change Summit, New York, at 74th UNAG.

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(ONLY THE PRONOUNCED FAITH)

« WE NEED OUR YOUTH ON OUR COUNTRIES TO TELL US TO GO FASTER » INTRODUCED PRESIDENT MACRON-----

« Thank you very much. Ladies and Gentlemen, dear colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen, Heads of State and Government, Ladies and Gentlemen, dear friends. Just in a few words. At first I was very struck by the emotion just now when some of the young people spoke. I had the opportunity to talk to some others. We have in many of our countries every week for months and months our youth who

express themselves. And I think they say an absolute urgency that we can not answer here by saying, "All is well. Look, we do the right thing. And this absolute urgency tells us one thing "you're not going fast enough. Even when you are aware of what is wrong you are not going fast enough. She also tells us probably "you do not associate us enough with the answers that you bring" and so I take my part too and I hear it. And so I believe that no politician can remain deaf to this requirement of justice between generations. And I believe today that collectively our youth, our societies, our businesses, our investors, the heads of state, and government must succeed in rebuilding what is a common understanding of the world, changing our habits to act together. Because otherwise we risk having a dialogue of the deaf for a long time between the denunciation to which no substantive action is sufficient to respond and on the other side of the lists of actions that are never sufficient and we would say to ourselves- "Look, we've worked well already." The only way to have useful summits to usefully act with our societies and our youth is also to exchange on what we understand what we do not understand, how we try to transform our collective system to respond to this imperative of the fight against global warming and biodiversity, and how together we can build useful actions. We need our youth in our countries to tell us to go faster. We need this youth to help us change things, to repair, to act, to put more pressure on those who do not want to move: States, financiers, companies. » acknowledges President Macron

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President Macron announced : « In this context, what we have done in the last three months and under the mandate of the Secretary-General of the United Nations is precisely to try to move forward. And I believe that there is an agenda of actions that is not in satisfaction of itself or in contentment but which can be a positive action agenda. First we must collectively, Heads of State and Government, change the speed of our responses, stay in the Paris Agreement and be fully in line with its objectives. First, I am pleased today that we have had the good news of the ratification of the Paris Agreement by Russia. Great news. It was not expected a few months ago. It shows that things are progressing. You can applaud them. » explains President Macron.

« Secondly, if we want to act and go strong, we must go to carbon neutrality 2050. We built this coalition that continues to grow with the rally of Chile, Japan, Italy, the G7 Biarritz, India who gave very strong signs. I know that China is moving and it is an essential element. In this context, Europe must do more. And so from 2020, Europe must make very clear decisions to be able to fulfill the wishes of the new president, Ursula VON DER LEYEN, to go towards increased reductions of our emissions by 2030. This famous minus 55% in 2030 it assumes that Europe will make decisions next year to go faster and stronger on an ambitious ETS, a minimum carbon price that needs to be raised and a carbon inclusion mechanism at the borders. This is essential if Europe wants to live up to what it needs to do. And in this context, France will take its responsibilities. We have already stopped all new hydrocarbon exploration on French soil and the last coal plants will have closed before 2022. » acknowledges President Macron

« WE NEED TO HAVE A TRADE AGENDA THAT SERVES THE CLIMATE » MACRON STATED-----

President Macron recalls the positive agenda for climate change « Now the second element of this positive agenda is for me to have a trade agenda that serves the climate agenda. We believe, I believe. In any case, to a very large majority of us believe in an open world, a world of exchanges, a world where precisely we trade, which is a vector of peace, which has made it possible to get out a lot of our fellow citizens of poverty. Nevertheless today it is clear that our youth, sometimes ourselves, no longer understand the functioning of this world. We want to collectively regain control. We want to find both sovereignty at the regional level, control of the self and sense. And so we can no longer have a trade agenda that is contrary to our climate agenda. We need in our exchanges to be coherent. I am no longer in favor of strengthening or opening up new trade negotiations with countries that are in contradiction with the Paris agreement. I think it would be a profound hypocrisy of all the debates we are having today and the days before. And we must build, at least at the European level - since it is at this level as a Frenchman that I speak to you and that we have a useful action, - a trade agenda that aims at zero carbon and zero deforestation imported. This is essential. It's a profound change, it's a real revolution, but it means not stopping the import of some activities altogether, but saying that when you import and that this activity can have a negative consequence in terms of deforestation it has to be compensated and integrated. Otherwise we will continue to have beautiful speeches and a business agenda that does exactly the opposite. It is essential work. »

FINANCE CLUB TO FUND \$ 1000 BILLION FOR CLIMATE BY 2025 AT MACON ANNOUNCEMENT-----

President Macron highlights the importance of the funding for global action in order to fight against global warming : « And finally, on the financial level, we also need to be consistent with our actions. This concern for coherence is to stop financing external carbon infrastructure projects. We can not say here we are fighting against global warming, for biodiversity, and continue to finance in other countries infrastructures that pollute, which increase CO2 emissions, and that do exactly the opposite. And so, we have to do it

ourselves, all of us in our business and financing agendas, and we have taken a step on this point as part of the International Development Finance Club where commitments have been made and announced yesterday to fund one trillion dollars for the climate by 2025. This is a first step. The goal is to go to these four trillions. We still have four triads. So we still have some way to go but it is a first element we will accelerate investments in renewable energy, the continuation of the withdrawal of coal, promote direct access of southern countries to international financing. We have many countries here that are committed to this agenda, which is absolutely essential and we are very keen on it. In a moment the Prime Minister of Jamaica and the Emir of Qatar will report on our agenda and our mandate on the 100 billion to be mobilized by 2020, which is absolutely essential to help developing countries catch up , and to have an agenda of climate justice and social justice and real development.

THE IMMEDIATE PRIORITY IS THE GREEN FUND" EXPLAINED PRESIDENT MACRON-----

« I mean one last word to conclude. The immediate priority is the Green Fund. The recapitalization conference will be held in Paris in a month, October 24 and 25. Its governance was reformed this summer for more efficiency and accessibility. Germany, the United Kingdom and France have doubled their contribution. France will put 1.5 billion euros in the fund to 80% in the form of donations. Norway has also doubled its contribution. Yesterday, Denmark and Sweden joined the countries that are doubling their contribution. The Netherlands has increased it. As we speak, we are at \$ 7 billion. The target is to reach \$ 10 billion to also offset the US withdrawal. There may be good American news, I hope, during this general meeting. But I call each of you here for not doing it, I call each one of you for not doing it has increased his contribution to the Green Fund. I know that our Japanese friends expect a lot from that too, they have to make their announcements. I know that the Emir of Qatar has big news to do. So I stick each one on you, acts, acts, acts. We can not let our youth spend every Friday demonstrating. We can not see our youth in the state of suffering sometimes, emotions we saw earlier and simply say "we do everything right." We are still far from it, but we continue to act together. Thank you. »
Concluded President Macron

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