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## **COMMANDANT IN CHIEF MACRON BAN GATHERINGS AND WARN ABOUT SANCTIONS FOR CROSSING**

### **OVER COVID-19 OUTBREAK**

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**USPA NEWS** - President Macron addressed an unprecedented and high-level speech, which would later become historic as the health situation is serious in France (like the rest of the world). The President placed himself as commander in chief, to approach the COVID-19 epidemic by repeating over seven (7) times, the term "We are at war" explaining that "the enemy - The Coronavirus - is everywhere and the invisible "and that" we must defeat it", while using the term "My dear compatriots" instead of "My fellow citizens" in terms of semantics. We publish the full remarks of the French President Emmanuel Macron, addressed today Monday March 16, at Prime time, 8:pm, on national TV, regarding the COVID-19 situation, and the new drastic measures, to be implemented from tomorrow Tuesday 17th, at noon. PART 3

**WE ARE AT WAR, ON SANITARY WAR, PRESIDING MACRON PRESIDENT-----**

"We are at war, in a health war, of course: we are not fighting against an army or against another Nation. But the enemy is there, invisible, elusive, advancing. And that requires our general mobilization. We are at war. All the action of the Government and the Parliament must henceforth be turned towards the fight against the epidemic. Day and night, nothing should keep us entertained. This is why, I decided that all the reforms in progress would be suspended, starting with the pension reform. As of Tuesday, in the Council of Ministers, a bill will be presented enabling the government to respond to the emergency and, when necessary, legislate by ordinance in the areas strictly pertaining to crisis management. This project will be submitted to Parliament on Thursday.-----

I saw earlier the presidents of the National Assembly and the Senate so that these texts could be voted as quickly as possible, so that democratic life and the control of the Parliament continue during this period. I thank them and I thank all of our parliamentarians at this time. We are at war. I call on all political, economic, social, associative actors, all French people to join this national union which has enabled our country to overcome so many crises in the past. We are at war. The Nation will support its children who, caregivers in town, at the hospital, are on the front line in a fight that will require their energy, determination, solidarity. They have rights over us. We obviously owe them the means, the protection. We will be there. We owe them masks, gel, all the necessary equipment and we take care of it and will take care of it. We decided with the scientists to reserve the masks in priority for the hospital and for the medicine of city and countryside, in particular the general practitioners, the nurses from now on on the front line also in the management of the crisis. Masks will be delivered to pharmacies tomorrow evening in the 25 most affected departments. Wednesday for the rest of the national territory. I also heard the message from the specialists, especially the dental surgeons and many others. Solutions will be found with the Minister of Health in the coming hours." President Macron emphasized

**A PAID CHILD CARE SERVICE WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE FOR CHILD CARE CHILDREN-----**

« We also owe caregivers the care of their children: a minimum daycare service has been in place since that day in nurseries and schools. We also owe them serenity in their movements and rest. This is why I decided that, as of tomorrow, taxis and hotels could be mobilized for their benefit. The state will pay. We are at war, yes.

**THE STATE WILL PAY TAXIS AND HOTELS AVAILABLE TO CAREGIVERS-----**

The country will support during this period the regions most affected today as well as those that will be tomorrow. As such, I want to assure the inhabitants and the nursing staff of the Grand Est that we will be there to support them in the face of the influx of patients and the saturation of hospitals. I know what they have been going through for days and days, we are with them. I therefore decided that a field hospital of the army health service would be deployed in the days to come in Alsace. The armies will also help to move patients from the most affected regions and thus reduce congestion in hospitals in certain territories. » acknowledged President Macron.

**SCHENGEN BORDERS WILL BE CLOSED BACK-----**

« We are at war. As I told you on Thursday, to protect us and contain the spread of the virus but also to preserve our healthcare systems, we took a joint decision between Europeans this morning. From noon tomorrow, the borders at the entrance to the European Union and the Schengen area will be closed. Concretely, all trips between non-European countries and the European Union will be suspended for 30 days. French women who are currently abroad and wish to return can of course join their country. » acknowledged President Macron.

EXPATRIATES WILL BE REPATRIATED TO FRANCE THANKS TO THE FRENCH EMBASSIES-----

We must make this decision because I am asking you for major efforts this evening and that we must protect ourselves over time. I want to say to all our compatriots who live abroad that there too, in good order, they must approach the embassies and consulates and that we will organize, for those who wish and where necessary, their repatriation. As you can see, you could sense that this unprecedented health crisis will have major human, social and economic consequences. It is also this challenge that we must lead. » reassured President Macron.

I ASK YOU SACRIFICES TO SLOW DOWN THE EPIDEMIC, PRESIDENT MACRON SAID-----

« I ask you for sacrifices to slow the epidemic. They should never question aid to the most vulnerable, the sustainability of a business, the livelihoods of employees and the self-employed. For the most precarious, for the most deprived, for the isolated people, we will make sure, with the big associations, with also the local communities and their services, that they can be fed, protected, that the services that we owe them be insured. For economic life, as far as France is concerned, no business, whatever its size, will be delivered to the risk of bankruptcy. No Frenchwoman, no Frenchman, will be left without resources. » President Macron said

THE STATE GUARANTEES € 300 BILLION FOR BANKING LOANS FOR ENTREPRENEURS-----

« In the case of companies, we are setting up an exceptional system for deferring tax and social charges, supporting the postponement of bank deadlines and state guarantees to the tune of 300 billion euros for all bank loans contracted. with banks. For the smallest of them and as long as the situation lasts, those who face difficulties will have nothing to pay, neither for taxes nor for social security contributions. Water, gas or electricity bills and rents will have to be suspended. » Reinsured President Macron. In addition, so that no one is left without resources for employees, the short-time working scheme will be massively widened, as I announced to you last Thursday and as the Government has started to specify. For entrepreneurs, traders, artisans, a solidarity fund will be created, funded by the State, and to which the Prime Minister will also propose to the regions to contribute. The Government, as of tomorrow, will specify all these measures. They will be based on needs, economic realities, needs sector by sector, obviously adapted. We will be there so that our economy is preserved in this hard time and so that all workers can have this security also in terms of purchasing power, continuity of their lives. » added the President Macron

KEEP CALM AND STAY HOME, PRESIDENT MACRON ASKED-----

"My dear compatriots, France is going through a very difficult time. No one can predict precisely the duration. As the days follow the days, as the problems succeed the problems, it will be necessary, in connection with the lighting given by the scientists, of the field experiments, we will have to adapt. We will also continue, during this period, to work and progress on treatments. I know the dedication of several teams throughout our territory with the first hopes that are emerging, and we will also continue to move forward on the vaccine. Regularly, I will address you. I will tell you every time, as I have done, as the Government does, the truth about the development of the situation. explained President Macron

THE MORE WE ACT TOGETHER AND FASR, THE MORE WE WILL OVERCOME THIS ORDEAL-----

« I have a certainty: the faster we act together, the more we will overcome this ordeal. The more we act as citizens, the more we will show the same strength of soul, the same patriotic abnegation that our caregivers, our firefighters, all of the actors of civil security demonstrate today, the faster we will come out of this life in slow motion. We will get there, my dear compatriots, by being united, united. I ask you to be responsible all together and not to give in to any panic, to accept these constraints, to bear them, to explain them, to apply them to yourself, we will apply them all, there will not have a free pass, but, there too, to give in neither to panic, nor to disorder. We will win, but this period will have taught us a lot. Many certainties, convictions are swept away, will be called into question. Many things that we thought were impossible are happening. Let us not be impressed. Let's act forcefully but remember that: the day after, when we have won, it will not be a return to the day before. We will be stronger morally, we will have learned and I will also know with you to draw all the consequences, all the consequences. Let us rise individually and collectively to the height of the moment. I know my dear compatriots that I can count on you. Long live the Republic, long live France! » Concluded President Macron who used at every step, of his speech, the specific term of compatriots rather than « fellow citizens » which get the French people more involved in a very patriotic approach.

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