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## **PDT MACRON MAKES ANNOUNCEMENTS AFTER GRAND DEBATE AT PRESS CONFERENCE AT ELYSEE**

### **ENA TO BE DISMISSED & INCOME TAX REDUCED**

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However, before answering the interrogations of the reporters, the President of the Republic began by drawing a report of the crisis triggered by the movement of Yellow Vests, hailing "the just claims to the origin of the movement". and stated that « The transformations in progress should not be altered." The President, then, quickly made several announcements (Monist them : among them, its intention to abolish the National School of Administration (ENA), the lack of return of the ISF (Tax for the Rich) or the decline in income tax, decentralization and education measures, Direct democracy, and reshaping the French Model. Yet the most highlighted during his introduction, was about the « Rebuilding the Art of being French » that

-----USPA summarizes here: The President's speech lasted more than an hour longer than the 20 minutes initially planned and then an hour of exchanges in the form of Q & A with reporters and reporters. The hearings of TF1, were a great success with a maximum audience for the TV Journal of 8pm Prime Time, broadcast live, the Elysee Palace. A cocktail party was offered to journalists after the press conference. TF1 has gathered, between 6h pm and 8h pm, 3.3 million viewers on average, for 20.4% of audience share. France 2, for its part, broadcast the entire press conference, disrupting the broadcast of its newscast. From 6pm:00 to 8:26pm, the public service channel gathered 3.6 million viewers, for a 20.8% audience share.

### **THE TRANSFORMATIONS IN PROGRESS SHOULD BE ALTERED**

We publish the entirety of the speech of the President of the Republic Emmanuel Macron, addressed to the political journalists at Elysee, in the hall of festivals, which was recently restored.

The Head of State began by recalling the birth of the movement of Yellow Vests gradually transforming in time and their just claims and reminded the importance of the return to the republican order : "Ladies and gentlemen, members of the Government, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I wanted to meet you in front of the French people who listen to us and look at us to draw the conclusions of the Great National Debate and to propose to the country the orientations of the new act that calls the waiting of our fellow citizens, new act of our Republic. What has been going on since last October in our country? An unprecedented movement, the movement of yellow vests that told his anger, his anxiety, which also said his impatience that things change faster, more radically and that the French people can have their share of progress in an uncertain world and where it must be said, he had the feeling for several years rather to suffer setbacks. This movement then gradually changed, torn between contradictory injunctions, absolute and permanent democracy on one side or the authoritarian

fascination of the other, the most public services, quite legitimate, and the least taxes , just as legitimate but hardly compatible. And this movement was then recovered, we have all seen, by the violence of society: anti-Semitism, homophobia, attacks on institutions, sometimes journalists, the police. Today, public order must return first of all and with it the essential concord. But I do not want the excesses of a few to obscure the just claims brought to the origin of this movement and deeply supported. "

President Macron then justified the need for the launch of the Great National Debate on January 15, as well as his first feelings for the mutant Yellow Vests since December 10, 2018 "That's why I brought a first response as early as December 10th, a response of magnitude because it seemed right to me and that it was consistent with the orientations that we had also retained at the beginning. quinquennate: give more purchasing power but faster to the middle classes and those who work. That is also why I wanted this Great National Debate, an unprecedented exercise in contemporary democracies, in which I personally committed myself alongside the mayors, and which allowed millions of our fellow citizens to participate. "-----

**WE ARE CHILDREN OF LIGHT AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES IN DARKNESS AND COMLOTISM**

President Macron then, did a Mea Culpa, explaining his own "transformation" during the Grand National Debate on the ground, and confessed to having "learned a lot in our country"-----

"And I must say the great pride that is mine to have seen during these months our fellow citizens take part in these debates, tell their share of truth, propose, reflect and I myself learned a lot from our country, to mayors, on the function that is also mine during these months. I learned a lot and this pride that I evoked convinced me of one thing: we are above all the children of the Enlightenment and it is this debate, these deliberations, this ability to say and contradict but in the respect of the other that can be born good solutions for the country and in no case in obscurantism or conspiracy. We are not building on self-hatred, jealousy on the other, but more on the right understanding of who we are and the challenges ahead. »

Then The french President acknowledged : "So what did this movement say and what did I take from this Great Debate? First, we all heard it, a deep sense of injustice: tax injustice, territorial injustice, social injustice. This feeling is there, it is installed, it must be answered. Then a feeling of disregard: many of our fellow citizens who do not feel respected in their daily lives, in what they live by our institutions, sometimes our collective organization, our ways of deciding, to do; a lack of confidence also in the elites, all the elites, your servant in the first place but all of those who are elected, exercise responsibilities, represent, sometimes even seek to decipher the news. It is difficult to build something when trust is not restored to those who must be trusted third parties or who decide in society. A feeling of abandonment Feeling of abandonment that feeds on the fact that more and more lives of our fellow citizens are as forgotten or unsuited to the organization of the world as it is, as it has been done.-----

We live in a society with public policies that were largely thought out of the Second World War. The family has changed, the way of working has changed, our organizations have changed and we have not totally seen it. We have discovered, it must be said with great humility during this movement, what we call today single-parent families, mostly these single women who raise their children and work. Very little is done in society for them, to say nothing. We heard children who were victims of harassment in school, people with disabilities who also said all that society has open, those who work in the big cities where we created the school. most jobs in the last 20 years but can not afford to live there and sometimes live three-quarters of an hour or an hour away without public transportation. Added the President of the Macron Republic. »

**"I PARTICIPATE I WORK I LIVE BADLY DESPITE MY WORK AND I WANT TO BE HAVE RECOGNITION »-----**

President Macron reminded the suffering of some French (Yellow Vests claiming) Nor was there any public policy for them and so there are some folds of society that have somehow revealed, blind spots, these lives a little forgotten our public policies, many of our speeches that said "I participate, I work, I live badly despite this work and I want not only to recognize me but to bring concrete solutions to my life. "And of course I do not forget among those few Chinese portraits that I just brushed up the modest pensioners that I for a moment believed that their protests were not entirely legitimate -" you tell me about the CSG, look at a few euros a month "- but who live today with the anxiety of sometimes having to help the following generations who do not fare completely, to have to provide the needs of their own seniors who are still living and dependent and who see in front of them what will cost the retirement home, the EHPAD, between 1800 and 2000 euros per month where their retirement is 1300 euros, and they have worked all their lives. These concrete cases told us, expressed themselves and nourished this feeling of abandonment. Finally, it is the fear of big changes: the climate with its urgency but also its lot of worries because it is necessary to change habits taken to move, produce; immigration; digital ; social decommissioning; the aging that I have just evoked. »

**"SHOULD I STOP ALL THAT WAS DONE FOR TWO YEARS? HAVE MADE FALSE ROAD?"-----**

President Macron has raised critical questions about the two-year course and his own method as head of state:

"So in the face of all these worries that were expressed, these feelings that I wanted to gather to say a little what I understood and heard: should we stop everything that has been done for 2 years? I asked myself the question: "have we gone astray?" I believe the opposite, I believe that the transformations in progress and the transformations that are indispensable in our country must not be stopped because they respond profoundly to the aspiration of our fellow citizens. They have not been fast enough for some, not radical enough, not human enough - I'm going to go back to it - but I think very deeply that the direction taken in those first two years, in many ways, has been just. Putting school, merit, work at the heart of our ambition was indispensable. Deciding to invest, to produce more to become a strong nation by carrying out all the necessary reforms for that was also essential to be able to finance the solidarity that we want to be able to afford. Modernizing our economy, reducing our public deficits, re-articulating a real European ambition in the face of all these threats were, I believe very deeply, good guidelines. I therefore believe that these fundamentals of the first two years must not only be preserved, pursued and intensified. And besides, the first results are there at the very moment when we are living through this crisis: we are recreating jobs, more than 500,000 during these first two years, including in the industrial sector, where for more than 10 years we were destroying constantly jobs in France. "

#### "INVESTMENTS ARE REPRESENTING IN FRANCE AND OUR GROWTH IS HIGHER TO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES"

President Macron also informed about the "resumption of investments" in France and a growth superior to that of neighboring countries: "The investments are starting again and continue to leave and for the first time since a long time at the moment our growth is higher than that of many of our neighboring countries so the results are starting to be there. So the answer is not in the denial but I believe in the deeper definition of a new ambition, in the answer to the deep questions that our country poses and that are posed in many other democracies in the world. world that live everywhere crises that translate in different ways, which are crises of efficiency, representation. First, in the face of the feeling of injustice, we must provide an answer that puts man at the heart of our project much more than we have done. Our national project must be more just, more humane in order to gather and unite and in the face of great changes we must find, through the national and European project, the control of our destiny and our lives. I believe that what the French people aspire to deeply is to understand why we decide things, that we as governors can say at one time "we do not agree", not to undergo everything or to feel that one is constantly adapting to the course of the world. "

#### THE PRESIDENT MACRON ASKS THE FRENCH TO "REBUILD TOGETHER THE ART OF BEING FRENCH"-----

The President Macron asked the French to "give the best of themselves" to " Rebuild together very deeply the Art of being French "" So this new time, this term and our Republic, I want to assign a goal simple: to give everyone hope of progress, by asking everyone the best of themselves, and that is how we can rebuild very deeply what I would call the art of being French, which is a very particular to be who we are. The art of being French is both rooted and universal, being attached to our history, our roots but embracing the future, it is this ability to debate everything permanently and it is, very deeply , decide not to adapt to the world that escapes us, not to yield to the law of the strongest but to carry a project of resistance, ambition for today and tomorrow. And to do that, there are four directions I wanted to brush tonight in front of you before answering your questions and which are, in a way, those on which I want to build this new stage.-----

The first direction is to change, much more deeply and quickly, our democracy, our organization, our administration. Basically the feeling of many of our fellow citizens, that's how I heard it, is to say "you asked us changes but we changed very little. » To Be continued PRART 2

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