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## WORTHY SPEECH OF PRESIDENT MACRON IN GUYANA IN PRESENCE OF JCLAUDE JUNCKER

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**USPA NEWS** - The French President Emmanuel Macron, and the European Commission President Jean Claude Juncker, meet at the European Space Station in Kourou, French Space station, on October 27th. The Commission wants to extend and adapt its action towards the outermost regions, as called for by the Treaty of Lisbon. President Emmanuel Macron has managed to make a trip with two challenges: to go to Guyana, despite the tense context, since recent riots and demonstrations of protesting groups Guyanese, to claim a better purchasing power and assert the role "played well" by France with regard to the Outermost Regions (ultra peripheral regions) of the EU. Here is the excerpt of the full speech addressed by President Macron in presence of Jean Claude Juncker, Part 2. We publish in several parts the contents of his speech in several clips.

"Today, the Minister will sign with the territorial authority of Guyana an agreement that will release nearly 98 million euros, including 27 for the municipalities of Guyana, which is highly anticipated, we received long yesterday with the ministers and we are moving on this line. But I say this very clearly, the role of the state is not to hold unrealistic commitments and is in no way to give in to any pressure whatsoever, especially when they have not democratic legitimacy and those carried by elected officials. Also yesterday we have worked for several hours with the parliamentarians, the president Rodolphe Alexandre, the mayors, it is the interlocutors, it is the elected officials of the Republic." Explained French President Emmanuel Macron

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"However, above all, I believe very deeply in a radical change of method, if the billions were enough to solve the problems, first whenever the President of the Republic moves he would have billions to distribute; but here I want to remind you that these billions are those of the French and the French, and that someone must pay them in the end and, therefore, that the activity should enable them to commit themselves" Continued President Macron, before he adds " But above all it is that much more widely, it is an in-depth action that supposes innovation, a reorganization of the State, communities, even a change in our collective mentality which is the condition for success. And what I want to build during the next 5 years and that's why I decided to come to this territory, known as the most difficult and the most crisis of overseas territories, from the beginning of the quinquennium accompanied by ministers. It's because I do not believe in old methods and, therefore, I will not make commitments that I will roll like balls that will never be kept. I will only take things that I will keep, as we saw yesterday, I committed myself to things that have already been voted or acted upon. But above all, I want it to be shared responsibilities, that we can together decide."

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MUST BE BUILT BY SECTORS" [7] PRESIDENT MACRON SAID

I want to come back to several elements that make up the future of Guyana, first and foremost the economy. Economic development must first be built by certain sectors, the wood industry. The Secretary of State to the Minister of State was yesterday especially with certain actors in the sector, we will put in place measures that will improve our organization.

A decree will be signed before the end of the year that will raise the thresholds for the environmental assessment prior to the creation of runways. It does not cost a cent, but it is an illustration of what we must do to allow more growth in Guyana.

It is not to promise hundreds of millions to make forest roads that, given the current constraints that are made for France hexagonal, would not allow in the five-year period to open these trails where these forest roads. It is to adapt our regulatory framework to the reality on the ground. The decree will be taken before the end of the year. The biomass industry is discouraged, you know the territory or for others may have discovered, I think we do not run out of wood. And so there is the possibility of developing a real biomass sector relevant to the Guyanese and Guyanese economy. The construction of biomass plants is validated by multiannual energy planning, by order of the Minister of Energy; then the file of the central is then instructed by the CREU (phon), then its financing is finally examined by Bercy under the tax exemption.

WOOD SECTOR REPRESENT 3 €M FROM 2017-----

This system today as it is done takes 4 years, 4 years, which means that if I had to commit at the end of the year or early next year, you would probably not see the day during this five-year period. Here too we will finish, this mechanism will be reformed so that these files are treated quickly, with a unique procedure of commitment. The Ministry of Agriculture has set up support for the wood sector, it will represent 3 million euros from 2017.-----

ACCORDING TO PARIS AGREEMENT FRANCE WILL STOP ISSUING NEW HYDROCARBONS

With regard to hydrocarbons, France has undertaken to stop issuing new hydrocarbon exploration licenses in the Paris Agreement. We have therefore decided to be consistent with our international commitments; and that's the heart of the bill that was brought by the minister of state. We have fulfilled this commitment with the exception of acquired rights, in accordance with the law, such as the "French Guiana" license which had been granted to TOTAL since 2011. The new permits are not granted, the "French Guiana" license which is expected, relevant to the economy of Guyana and also because there are strong commitments of the company TOTAL in terms of impact on the economy and employment, has therefore been extended. The next step is the issuance of the authorization to drill and the decision will be made next fall.

As far as the gold sector is concerned, I was there several months ago on the ground and everyone knows my commitment to the beginnings of the Montagne d'Or project; and yesterday the Secretary of State received several associations, very sensitive organizations on this subject. Government support will be conditional on the fulfillment of commitments, on the one hand by the Sustainable Mining Charter; and secondly, the ability of the project to respond to all the issues that will be raised during the public debate. The public debate is therefore conducted by the National Commission, which is an independent authority; and it will have to highlight the points of sensitivity in environmental terms, in terms of democratic acceptability, in terms of economic repercussions. And it will be necessary that the project - so that it remains acceptable and can advance - meets all these constraints. I invite the people of Guyana to take an interest in this debate, which is a moment of transparency and consultation. It aims to inform the public, also to evolve the project based on the opinions collected; and decisions will only be made after this one." explained french President Macron

#### THE LEGAL GOLD MINING SHOULD BE FEDERATED TO RESEARCH & PROMOTE BEST PRACTICES

The State proposes to the actors of the legal gold mining a plan of sector on the model of the National Center of technological research which exists in New Caledonia on the nickel, which will make it possible to federate the research, to develop the activities in particular creators of local jobs; and to promote best practices, especially those that comply with the "responsible mine" charter At the same time, we intend to develop economic activities related to biodiversity and renewable energies. I mentioned biomass but we can do even more in this territory, which is one of the reserves of French biodiversity, both through the Amazonian forest but also across the coast and the maritime exposure of Guyana." President Macron stated

He added " Our desire on this subject is to be able to create around the university a real cluster of skills that will allow to synergize the already existing laboratories, the teachers-researchers present, by also valuing - and the minister and his colleague in higher education, research and innovation will focus by the end of the year to make concrete proposals - the attractiveness for highly qualified positions; and by involving the Agency for Biodiversity, which will deploy agents in the cluster. It is around this pole of research that we will be able to develop economic activity, a better knowledge of the ground and what is a French force, a French wealth in the heart of the Amazon and in front of the ocean.

#### FISHERIE IS A CRUCIAL SECTOR IN GUYANA-----

"Fishing is also an important sector that we will continue to structure, with help that will be evaluated and that will be part of the work of the conference and I will come back to it, but also with simplifications that we must implement. And in this respect, the dialogue we have had with the European Commission in recent weeks has been extremely productive and President Juncker will have the opportunity this afternoon to explain in detail the decisions taken by the Commission, which will allow part of renovating the fleets; and on the other hand to facilitate the work of fishermen, which is fundamental." President Macron explained.

#### PUBLIC WORKS MUST BE STRUCTURED ACCORDING TO MARIPASNULA´ S BUILDINGS

The economy today is 90% nourished by the public order, we must - you have understood - develop sectors and develop private economic activity much more. Public works buildings are also an example, as we saw yesterday in Maripasoula, they are now dependent on public procurement but by structuring this sector, strengthening it we can also create more jobs. And this requires radical simplification measures: licensing, procedures, with the further development and acceleration of single certificate procedures." President