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## **THE PENSION TEXT "WILL CONTINUE ITS DEMOCRATIC PATH" EXPLAINS PRES. MACRON**

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**USPA NEWS** - French President Macron addressed the French people, today at 1:pm, (Tf1, France 2 TV Chanel Broadcasters), for Elysee Palace, in a 30 minutes interview format. It was conducted by the two journalists Julian Bugier France 2, and Marie-Sophie Lacarrau, TF1 President Macron confirmed that the text of the pension reform law "will continue on its democratic path", from the start of his interview. Examination of the text "gave rise to 175 hours of debate", which made it possible to "enrich it". It was adopted by 49.3, after the failure of the motions of censure, and must maintain reaching the Constitutional Council. "It must come into force by the end of the year, but we must wait for the Council's decision," he explained.

**PM ELISABETH BORNE REMAINS PRIME MINISTER YET WITH "A DIFFERENT METHOD" FOR "THE NEXT SOCIAL REFORMS" ACCORDING TO PRES. MACRON**

?In justification of the maintenance of this reform that he does not foresee with pleasure, the Head of State explains "There are today 17 million pensions, in 2030 20 million, can we continue with the same rules?", he wondered while preventing the worst "The longer we wait, the more the regime will deteriorate. This reform is necessary, it does not make me happy, I would have liked not to do it", he said. assured. He reviewed the alternatives he ruled out: raising taxes, dipping into the budget of other areas... "This reform is not a luxury or a pleasure, it is a necessity for the country", he insisted. President Macron conceded one regret, "the only thing we can regret is that we were not able to collectively explain the current situation", in response to journalist Marie Sophie Lacarrau. "The next social reforms should be based on a different method and be further discussed and negotiated upstream with the social partners, aiming for very concrete, operational responses", he recommended.

**PRESIDENT MACRON DENOUNCES THE "VIOLENT GROUPS ON THE STREETS" YET HE "UNDERSTANDS PROTESTERS' LEGITIMATE ANGER"**

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