

Administration of Donald J. Trump, 2019

Remarks in a Working Luncheon With President Emmanuel Macron of France in Biarritz, France

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[President Macron began his remarks in French. He then continued in English as follows.]

President Macron. In a few words, in order to—*[inaudible]*—Mr. President, first of all, I do welcome Mr. President and his wife, and we are very proud and happy that you are here in Biarritz, in this place, for this G-7 and once again very happy to host. You are a very special guest for us, and our discussions are very important.

On this occasion, obviously for us to discuss a lot of crisis. We will discuss Libya, Syria, Ukraine, North Korea, and Iran. A lot of these crises that we need a strong coordination of and partners on the table. And especially on Iran, we have to fix the situation, and we had a lot of contacts and nice—and we have to work very hard, because I see we do share the same objectives. First, being sure that Iran doesn't get access to nuclear weapon. And second, stability of the region.

We will discuss, as well, about the economic global situation, how to decrease tensions and fix the situation in terms of trade—*[inaudible]*—because I think if we manage to fix the situation, the seven of us—we fix a great part of the world. And this is a very important part of our discussion as well, and obviously how to find new ways to relaunch our economic—*[inaudible]*.

When I look at Europe, especially, we need some new tools to relaunch our economy. We decided, and—will probably decide to have new tax cuts, which is one of the ways to relaunch. We have strong coordination with—*[inaudible]*.

And third, obviously, we will discuss a lot of things at the G-7: gender equality, digital, and how to frame this new world with common initiative together. And obviously, climate and bio—*[inaudible]*—and a lot of these hot topics. And with this corporate action, we know the divergences we can have on climate, on the various agenda.

But our cooperation—*[inaudible]*—our investors will—*[inaudible]*—in order to reduce emissions. And I think, during the sessions, we will work and actually see in order to have some solutions to—*[inaudible]*—and implementation of this—*[inaudible]*—and all these climate protections for this global agenda.

But thanks again, Mr. President, for taking the time being here and being a partner. So this discussion will be very important between the allies, friends, and very importantly, we are always very proud to have the—*[inaudible]*—the U.S.—*[inaudible]*.

President Trump. Thank you, Emmanuel. Very nice. And we look forward to it. And we actually have a lot in common, Emmanuel and I. We've been friends for a long time. And every once in a while, we go at it just a little bit, not very much. But we get along very well. We have a very good relationship, sort of, I think I can say, a special relationship.

We all remember the Eiffel Tower dinner; that was a very good beginning. And we have some really great things to talk about. And we couldn't have asked for better weather or a more beautiful location. And next year, we'll be hosting in the United States, so that will be very, very good. That will be great. We'll do a good job.

But so far, so good. The weather is perfect. The guest is fantastic. Everybody is getting along. And I think we'll accomplish a lot this weekend, and I look forward to it. And thank you for having us.

President Macron. Thank you. Thank you, Donald.

President Trump. Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at approximately 2:20 p.m. on the terrace at the Hotel du Palais.

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