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## **WE MUST REFORM THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING IMF & WORLD BANK**

### **SAID PRES. MACRON AT PARIS PEACE FORUM**

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**USPA NEWS** - French President Emmanuel Macron is orchestrating a debate around the « universalism challenged by the war in Ukraine », with political leaders and intellectuals from around the world, at the unique auditorium of Palais Brogniart. This Palace Brogniart is a stunning historical French Building, called « Brogniart » and used to be the heart of Stock Exchange, french flagship of the Commerce, and facing AFP, the largest French Press Agency, born in 1945, further to WWII.

The Paris Peace Forum's debate of the French President today, resonate with Peace, against War, as this building reminds us, how WWII, is not that far from our last 70 years ago... Since 24th February, Ukraine, was hit by Russian Troops, despite the Minsk Agreements I and II, obtained through the Format Normandy, a one of a kind Diplomatic format for years. Indeed, in 2014, France, hosted Germany, Ukraine and Russia to talk over the Donbass conflict, that caused many killings. Yesterday, on Thursday 10, the French head of state received few leaders, CEO's of large NGO's and multinational platform, to launch the Children's Online Protection Lab, to prevent violence and child abuse, backed by an online platform.

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This is one of the fit measures undertaken by the Paris Peace Forum, to enable reducing violence and conflicts in the sake of peace. It is a way of implementing the so called « universalism » so dear to the French President Emmanuel Macron, who advocates for a positive and constructive multilateralism, since he took office in 2017. It is also five years ago, that his global Summit for Peace Emmanuel Macron himself, wanted and founded then launched the Paris Peace Forum, from scratch. In 2018, launched at the first edition of the Forum in 2018 and since joined by more than 1200 actors, resulting in the Christchurch Call against Terrorism and Violent Extremism Online, the Partnership for Information and democracy, and the Global Partnership for Artificial Intelligence. CE suits were deepened and developed the following years, in 2019, and 2020, were the years of shifting to a hybrid summit due to the COVID-19 outbreak. In 2021, US Vice President Kamala Harris, attended the Paris Peace Forum, and delivered a speech at the 4th Paris Peace Forum, as she was also having participated in the Paris Conference on Libya, on the day after. The Paris Peace Forum 2022, brought together 4,800 participants, including thirty-two (32) heads of states & government and leaders of international organizations, around eighty panels & roundtables, and sixty projects showcased, at Palais Brogniart.

The President of the French Republic, Macron, also wanted this 5th edition of the Forum to be the occasion for a major debate on universalism challenged by the war in Ukraine, with political leaders and intellectuals from around the world.

During this high profile debate, orchestrated by French president Macron, himself in a very casual fashion, if there is one news to break is that "There is a need to reform our institutions. They are no longer the reflection of a balance, we no longer settle crises there... including financial institutions," said President Emmanuel Macron.

Within the One hour, strictly respected amid the timing, the seven participants of the year debate answered the French President Macron about « How can universalism end the war and preventing other crisis, amid the current context of conflict in Ukraine ? » as he addressed respectively the Argentinian President, Mr Alberto Angel Fernandez, Albanian PM, Mr Edi Rama, Mr President of Guinea Bissau, Umaro Sissoco Embaló, Mr David Beasley, Executive Director of World Food Program, Mrs Comfort Ero, President, CEO of Crisis Group, Kishore Mahbubani, Distinguished Fellow Asian Research, Institute of National University of Singapore, and Mrs Dubai Abulhoul, CEO of Fiker Institute.

The topics covered have targeted current conflicts and wars, as well as the consequences of climate change, as well as the notion of empowerment and the fight against violence against women and children, in the name of inclusion. At no time of this forum, of Peace,

the concept of handicap of which this minority too invisible and represents 15% of the world population was approached. Moreover, people with disabilities were rarely observed among the guests...Moreover, none of the courses were fitted out for people with reduced mobility, devoid of ramps, and equipped only with stairs, within the magnificent Palais Brogniart former Paris Stock Exchange.

**HOW TO BUILD A MORE REGIONAL AND LESS EUROPEAN-CENTER UNIVERSALISM? ASKED PRES MACRON** The guests all praised President Macron, and thanked him loudly and warmly for the invitation the prestigious panel, moderated by the French head of States. They spoke in a very uninhibited way, without flattering President Macron by evoking anecdotes with the Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin. Thus the Guinean President, says that a few weeks ago he had spoken with the Russian President who would have immediately asked him "are you going to see Emmanuel Macron in Paris? Then give him a hug from me, he is the only one able to resolve this conflict!" This makes the whole audience laugh, including President Macron himself.

« Given the gravity of the situation I've been saying that we must find a solution, because Russia and NATO, and the war had created food security problem. 6M lives were killed by COVID-19 and Famine will cost 10 M lives. Argentina that import gaz, is very impacted, by the war. international organisation provided humanitarian aid.

Emmanuel macron invited me to express the vice of the South countries, because the gap between the rich and poor is the greatest, and even before the war. There gonna be famine and also shortage of electricity we need to put in place in Latin America the conditions for ending this war. « Alberto Fernandez, President of Argentina stated.

« In our region of the world, there is Mali and Burkina Faso's people who are killed, everyday and likely in Latin America many people immigrating trying to the US are dying. It is the West that is deciding for us. »

Eddi Rama, the Albanian PM, for his part, expressed very very strong thanks, close to the flattery that he himself justifies by the present invitation to be a panelist at this round table.

"We started with Putin's hug, talked about universalism and ended up asking you to save humanity" he said, addressing French President Macron in a light and amused tone, who smiled and replied "this n It's not me but we together who are going to do it" President of Guinea Bissau, Umaro Sissoco Embaló, said. He continues, recalling his last meeting with Russian counterpart, who evoked President Macron. « Two days ago I spoke for 3 hours with Putin and had the immersion that if there is a dialogue, obviously has a huge responsibility what is happening, Putin told me about Emmanuel Macron and asked me to greet him »....

As for Eddi Rama, he recalled the historical role of Farce in being a peace builder, since centuries, through its diplomacy and praise President Macron, and asked him to continue in that ancient French tradition, relying on him for ending Ukraine's war, and reminding the vulnerable geopolitical position of Albania, as a Balkan country in the spectrum of Putin's appetite « Only Macron can bring peace together American Latin countries and Africans and for the Balkan, and I understand why Putin wants to hug you Mr Macron » He continues « I fully support this idea because the more we unfold this war since it started and the pandemic showed us that the lack of this bridge could create a tragedy of discrepancies between the rich est and poorest, and we saw the UE behave behaving in a selfish way »

David Beasle, for his part, recalled the alarming situation of the food crisis and the worsening situation in developing countries, the dramatic figures of deaths and suffering linked to famine and poverty, illustrate his point "This war impact not only Ukraine and Russia but also the rest of the world » He goes on as he unfold the worst news to come « We gonna face big shortage, and we have the most strategic talks of 8 Billion people who are depending on fertilizers, and you understood the impact of this war...There are 40 Million people who do not have access to food, and destabilised and it is in the poorest countries. We have solutions, we talked about mitigation, so thanks for your leadership (addressing President Macron). When I took office, 80 Million people were starvation , now they are 320 Million who are in pain and suffering suffocating because of this lack of food shortage. It is the wealthy nations that will have to pay for that and balance this back.

President Macron recalled that we are here to soak about universalism, not because it is « a beautiful wording » it goes beyond its definition,

Comfor Ero, answer to that questioning over universalism « : There is only one person in the security council speaking about the defense. And who defends multilateralism, and the global smoother not challenging the universalism, they saw the expensive prices, so they are not going to give up these principles... As we are going to G20, we have to go with clear messages, a number of commitments, if you asked me about visibly, the G20 has to address the humanitarian challenges and not questioning whether the countries are poor or not »

The intellectual, from the Singapore Research Institute, Kisho Kachubani meanwhile, expressed his great worship of the young President Macron, and explained that small countries, if they present anything that does not please Washington DC, received the scathing response like a slap in the face.

Kisho Kachubani, said « In the next 10 years we will become a small interdependent planet and very fragile... He adds « I got though 33 years of diplomacy. We should forget about altruism, and you should see every decision you take Washington DC will slap you in the face and that's why we should implement multilateralism » As for the two women panelists, they were more mediocre in their flattery and rather argued their interest after proposing solutions, to stop the current war in Ukraine and prevent possible conflicts while proposing a new form of governance, more regionalized and more respectful of the dignity of the men and women who suffer the consequences of conflict zones.

Dubai Abulhoul, defended the universalism as she also recalled that in her opinion, the Middle East is not considered as powerful nations, that weigh in diplomacy, and when it comes to multilateralism « The best investment of international community is not rejecting the reality of 2022. » We talked about the protection of the media, and journalists, the food crisis and other approaches (NGOs, civil society and govern). We are looking for solutions in a world in recomposition" Said President Macron. « If we go back to the term of Universalism, our problems are universal, whether we want it or not. Inequality, peace, food security, poverty, but there is also a dignity that lies to universalism, France in its history that portrayed that and the ones who don't embrace they universalism but humanity is base in universality of their dignity and this is the best way to tackle major issues, and we have to remember it is a relevant principle. He then suggested « We should have effective resigns and effective solutions through our forum coalition with stakeholders and we set objectives and get results tighter and to do that we need to reform our institutions that are not reflecting the balance anymore. » President Macron then suggested reforming the internal institutions whose current functioning is not conclusive, including the IMF and the World Bank.../

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