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## **PRES. MACRON STANDS WITH THE 35,000 FRENCH MAYORS AT CLOSING 103rd CONVENTION**

### **HE AGREED ON DECENTRALISATION**

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It was absolutely important for President Macron to come to the close of the powerful AMF association and to pamper the mayors of France, as evidenced by the invitation to the Elysee Palace, Salle des Fetes, the day before or a thousand (1,000) of mayors participated in a reception and dinner, offered by the French Presidency, five months before the 2022 presidential election. At the end of this dinner, the head of state Macron had said to his invited mayors "Thank you for all the work done, I will not let you go". Indeed, David Lisnard who was freshly elected, President of the AMF, with 60% won against Philippe Laurent Mayor of Sceaux (Centrist UDI), 40% immediately after, and just before the closing ceremony of the AMF Congress, receives the President Emmanuel Macron came to appease the "misunderstandings" between the territories and the State, of which he is the head, and to restart the exchanges and discussions concerning the major public policy issues such as: management of the COVID-19 epidemic, relaunch of the economy following the health crisis, fight against climate change on new bases.

France's largest social landlord, Paris Habitat, is struggling to meet demand, with waiting times that are getting longer in the Paris region, with a drop in the signing of rental contracts, i.e. 3,500 in 2020, versus, 5,400 in 2019. Source Journal Le Monde

To this is added the problem of corruption and favoritism (by cronyism, to friends, family members, and even to people in high places, not eligible for social housing) of allocation of housing, despite the law that is normally very strict and should allow in priority, the housing attribution to the most vulnerable people, (disabled, single mothers with children, elderly, etc.)

"As during COVID, when we were able to benefit from financial compensation for short-time working,

and must be able to benefit from state compensation. »It is interesting that Anne Hidalgo evokes the housing policy because Paris, the city that she manages, is under tension, with millions of people, badly housed, and a demand of 000 people who have been waiting for

years, to obtain social housing .

She again calls on the President of the Republic, Macron, about the trust between the territories and the State

"This trust that we welcome is the way to affirm the challenges of the century. When the state asks has a mayor what to do and when two mayors wind up they ask how? "

She continues by recalling the challenges of climate change "At Glasgow COP26, I asked this question how to do? e demand more expensive and for some years, the tectonics of the movements de-industrialize by the territorial invoice and or would propose public school, because of the secrecy and or justice. The Olympics 20240, with so much pride, we took up this shared challenge and the democratic challenges and at the local level,

apolitical, in the noble sense of the term... she explains.

Finally, she concludes with the most dramatic subject, which is that of women suffering violence in France and Paris in particular, knowing that since the beginning of the year 2021, the 99th woman dead from domestic violence has been reported. recently through the media, "The breakthrough of women in politics and misogyny, I am open to your proposals and welcome with all my colleagues here what I am talking about, and strengthen the party in politics." In the coming months we will work in harmony and trust the mayors because we defend the values ??of the republic around "It is true that the question of the part of women in politics is a central subject, but a few days before the big demonstration of November 20 that is being prepared by the powerful association #Noustoutes, (We All Women) a gigantic demonstration to protest against the patriarchy and to demand financial means to accommodate the women victims of violence and condemnations of justice more quickly towards the aggressors and rapists.

"I STAND BY YOU" PRESIDENT MACRON CONFESSED TO THE FRENCH MAYORS-----

"At each stage, you were there and I thank you for it, these are not words", solemnly declared the President of the Republic in front of an audience full of mayors from the four corners of France. "There may have been misunderstandings, prejudices.

I assume that I have never been mayor, "said the President Macron, while mentioning Charles de Gaulle. "He may have had the same flaw". This is the third time in his term that President Macron has spoken to the mayors of France. This year, he got even more involved in his speech, because the mayors have played a very important and vital role during the COVID-19 epidemic, and in particular during the lockdowns to manage their communes to keep you social peace. in close collaboration with the government, but also to assure them of its support and encourage them in the face of violence and assaults, of which they were victims, as urban violence has increased over the past two years, "Since we have been together in our responsibilities we have experienced crises.And I have always seen the mayors there at the heart, at the front of the Republic ". The head of state notably cited the COVID-19 pandemic, natural disasters, attacks and social movements, including that of the yellow vests. "There may have been misunderstandings, prejudices", Macron said.-----

President Macron began his speech by relaxing the audience with humor, recalling the misunderstandings that were set up, from the start of his mandate with, to dispel the misunderstandings in relation to the difficult relations he had with them during his arrival at the Elysee Palace, and the negative results of the five-year term drawn up by the AMF "I do not forget that you have been at the heart of all the tensions in society". He also recalled the attacks and violence, and showed solidarity, of which several mayors were victims, one of the points of tension between the state and local elected officials, whom he encouraged never to give up. "I don't forget that you have been at the heart of all the tensions in society. I want to tell you the commitment of the entire nation to your side, wherever there is the return of violence against those who hold a democratic and legitimate authority, it is a part of the Republic that we withdraws, "President Macron continued. "We must not give in to it."...To be continued..../

ANNE HIDALGO MAYOR OF PARIS CALLS FOR BETTER TRUST AS PARIS IS FACING VIOLENCE & HOUSING CRISIS-----

Anne Hidalgo (Presidential Candidate 2022, Socialist Party) as mayor of Paris, host of the convention due to the AMF (Association of Mayors of France), was the first to deliver a keynote, before other political figures, which followed, the Vice President of the AMF, yes the new freshly elected President, David Lisnard, and in conclusion, the President of the Republic Emmanuel Macron. David Lisnard, mayor of the city of Cannes was indeed elected the new President of AMF, the day before, with 60% of votes against Etienne Philippe the mayor of Sceaux-----

The spirit of AMF has been embodied by Francois Baroin, for 7 years, and a bond of trust and amine with a certain idea of ??the common and restful areas and idea of ??France. I remember the Marseillaise (French anthem) in Nov 2015 then of the attacks, terrible and our outpouring of solidarity for Notre Dame and Irma, and our mutual aid and solidarity in the face of the pandemic. We were conquerors and engaged and never partisan dear Francois you were the face of our AMF association and one of the most listened to channels in France and DOM TOM (French overseas territories), know they are very ditto

resume with you. Anne Hidalgo then addressed the President of the Republic Macron: "You can trust this team to continue to carry this message loud and clear and in Paris of this congress which is more than a tradition, it is a commitment, and we, we are focused, and do not wait for a new crisis to know that we rely on mayors to ensure social cohesion ". She adds "I would like to remind you of a pact of trust for the collective and this is part of a commitment" The mayor of Paris evokes the housing policy, knowing that, According to the latest report of the National Agency for the control of social housing, there are 3.5 million badly housed in France, including 1.2 million in the Paris region, or rents are prohibitive and therefore does not allow access to housing, even for those who have a paid job. Poorly housed people are forced to sign up for long lists of social housing expectations, knowing that only 13% of requests were met in 2019.-----

The first to be penalized are those under 30 in a precarious situation. 450,000 HLM apartments (Public housing) received a tenant in 2019, meeting only 13% of requests, compared to 15% in 2016. In the social housing stock, 65% of new entrants are eligible for so-called "very social" housing, since their resources, in 2021, do not exceed 13,270 euros per year for a single person in Paris, and 11,530 euros in the provinces, while that in Paris and its near crown they are only 5% and had to wait more than three years, 1,177 days, specifies the Ancols.

#### FRENCH STATE ALLOCATED €M 200 TO THE TERRITORIES DURING COVID OUTBREAK, AMID COVID OUTBREAK PRES MACRON DETAILED-----

President Macron delivered a long speech, which he adapted by responding very specifically to the questions raised by Vice President André Laiguel, of AMF and his new Chairman of AMF, David Lisnard, newly elected. The French Head of State Macron thus referred to the 10 billion euros, which falls under the Recovery plan, and confirms that they have been territorialized in the direction of communities, whatever they are, I don't specifically have the communes. On the other hand with regard to, which is rather directly related to the crisis, for the communal bloc, guarantees of loss of tax revenue, correspond to an allocation of 200 million euros for 2020, which should be around the same amount for the year 2021;

Guarantees for loss of revenue on public utilities represent 203 million euros for 2020, and 100 million euros are planned for 2021. Advances that may have been made to the authorities which organize mobility, transport, etc. it is 585 million euros for 2020. knowing that the reimbursement of the masks, cost 130 million euros. When it comes to financing the additional costs of vaccination, now represents 140 million euros which have been committed, and finally, the exceptional means in investment, account for an additional 1.5 billion euros, that is to say that the amount has been doubled compared to the start of Macron's five-year term, which reflects the state's commitment alongside communities to cushion the crisis.

And according to Jean-René Cazeneuve, from the delegation to the communities of the National Assembly, he will tell you that overall, at the end of the crisis, the health of local authorities is rather good. (Source Elysee)

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