

## "IT IS A RENEW "PRES.MACRON SAID OVER FRANCE / UK AS HE RECEIVED UK'S PM SUNAK

### AMID 36th FRANCO-BRITISH SUMMIT

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UK's PM, Rishi Sunak, recalled the up and down's relationship between two allied and friends nations "Now, if we're honest, the relationship between our two countries has had its challenges in recent years..." even making jokes " ....and I'm not just referring to you knocking England out of the World Cup. » as he confirmed the renewal of the strong ties that bonds the historic relation between the two nations, relying on trust, and sharing common values « But I believe today's meeting does mark a new beginning – our entente renewed. We're looking to the future. A future that builds on all that we share – our history, our geography, our values." "Emmanuel and I share the same beliefs "UK's PM Rishi Sunak said, proving he got along well with President Emmanuel Macron

The two leaders discussed the subjects of energy and cooperation between the two countries, thanks to joint projects on nuclear and hydraulics, to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050 and to enhance energy security and sovereignty and accelerate the transition towards renewable energies, at the dawn of the next COP. France and the United Kingdom reaffirmed their support for the Hinkley Point C and Sizewell C projects, in the nuclear field.

They also broached the subject of support for Ukraine in terms of security and defence, with more "operational interoperability" as President Macron wishes, and displayed unity in the face of Russia, since this conflict broke out on 24 February 2022.

Among the other most sensitive subject is that of immigration, because "in 2022, we have prevented more than 1,300 makeshift boat crossings. Together, we have dismantled 55 organized crime networks and more than 500 arrests thanks to the work of the joint Franco-British intelligence cell." President Macron declared. From the British side, the unparalleled multi-year agreement delivers on the PM's priority to stop small boats and builds on joint measures taken with France in 2022 which increased patrols by 40%.

At the end of which discussion, the two countries decided to create a detention center in the north of France, facing the English Channel which separates the two countries. United Kingdom "will donate nearly £M500 €M541 million over three years, to help reducing illegal migrants crossing the channel, migrants in small boats across the Channel, from France to UK, and help to fund enhanced French patrols, the use of drones and building a detention center. "Emmanuel and I share the same beliefs, Rishi Sunak Said, adding that Criminal gangs should not get to decide who comes to our country. Within weeks of my coming into office, we agree our largest ever small boats deal and today we've taken our cooperation to an unprecedented level to tackle this shared challenge" as justifying the common decision taken to create the deletion Centre, in North of France, and enhancing means for more law enforcement at the borders.

#### **FRENCH PRESIDENT MACRON REAFFIRMED THE RENEW OF STRONG RELATIONSHIP WITH UK BASED ON SHARING COMMON VALUES**

The President of the French Republic and the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland met today in Paris and chaired the 36th France – United Kingdom Summit. They reaffirmed our longstanding friendship and partnership between France and the United Kingdom, based on shared memory, common values, respect, and mutual interest, and a shared vision for our bilateral future. As they look forward to the 120th anniversary of the Entente Cordiale in 2024, today's Summit renews the deep connections between France and the United Kingdom. During a short press conference, held, at Elysee Palace, following the bilateral meetings between French and British delegations, the two leaders answer two questions from the media, from French and UK's side, after congratulating each other, and showing an enthusiastic cordiality, proving that they got on well.

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