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## **MACRON SAID I WANT OT MAKE CORSICA LEADING EDGE OF FRANCE MEDITERRANEAN POLICY**

### **AS HE ATTENDS THE 3RD MED7 IN CORSICA**

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**USPA NEWS** - The President of the French Republic, Emmanuel Macron had already mentioned his desire to invite the members of MED 7 to Corsica. Two and a half years later things seem to be happening. : "I want to make Corsica the leading edge of France's Mediterranean policy," Emmanuel Macron said in February 2018 when he came to Bastia. The president of the Republic. MED 7, or Euromed 7, brings together seven countries of the Mediterranean basin, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Cyprus, Malta and France. If the summit is confirmed, it will be held in the presence of the heads of state or government of the countries concerned and of course Emmanuel Macron. Nothing is official yet but behind the scenes we are starting to get active. Thus, a delegation of about twenty people arrived this Tuesday morning in Ajaccio from Paris. Among them are members of the Elysee Palace, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as well as security officers.

#### **FRANCE IS CHAIRING MED 7 SUMMIT TOGETHER WITH THE EU ´S SEVEN SOUTHERN MEMBER STATES SINCE 2016**

On 10 September 2020, France is chairing the seventh Med7 Summit. This informal forum, which has brought together the European Union's seven southern member States since 2016, is being held in France for the first time. With a present context that calls for close vigilance on all our parts, especially in the eastern Mediterranean, France is bringing together the nations of Southern Europe with the aim of:

“ç working together to defend European interests in the Mediterranean;

“ç asserting the need for clear, strong European engagement in the Mediterranean region.

#### **DEFENCE OF EUROPEAN INTERESTS**

France has a dual ambition:

“ç to defend European independence in the Mediterranean;

“ç to encourage the resumption of German mediation between Greece and Turkey.

The Summit will also provide an opportunity to tackle the subject of delimitation of exclusive economic zones in the eastern Mediterranean.

#### **AVOIDING A NEW CRISIS IN LIBYA-----**

As regards the Libyan situation, the European Union's Mediterranean countries have adopted clear guidelines resulting from the conclusions reached at the Berlin Conference:

“ç ensure that political dialogue resumes in order to set up transitional institutions;

“ç encourage the Libyan National Army to lift the embargo on exportation of Libyan oil;

“ç ensure that the ceasefire is complied with.

The situation in Libya is fragile and everything must be done to avoid a new crisis which would pose a major security risk to neighbouring and European countries.

#### **MORE EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF MIGRATION-----**

With the support of their European partners, the countries of the Mediterranean must provide themselves with the means to manage migration effectively. The Summit will be the right time to reassert the guidelines adopted by the southern countries and resume cooperation with the Libyan coastguard. Source: french Government

We publish the full text Ajaccio, declaration of the 7th Summit of Southern European Union Countries (MED7) stated on September 10. Source : french Government

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