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## MACRON TELLS USPA HE AGREES SECURITY COUNCIL FOR EUROPE PROPOSED BY VON DER LYEN

### PRESIDENT OF EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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**USPA NEWS** - Newly elected President of the European Commission, Ursula Von Der Leyen, former Defences Minister declared during the 30th anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall, as she acknowledges the importance of to the alliance NATO »In its 70-year history, much has changed in NATO. But one thing has always remained the same: NATO was and is always what its member states make of it," von der Leyen said in the German capital, according to the text of her speech. "It is up to 29 countries to get involved and make a difference. With words and deeds! She then praise NATO ahead of the Leaders Summit to be held in London to make the 70th anniversary in London, on 3-4th December : "In my view, NATO has proved to be an excellent protective shield of freedom despite all its ups and downs, right up to the last few weeks." On Wednesday, December 4th, during his Press conference, in the afternoon, as the NATO's summit is closing, President Macron, replied, to USPA, asking the French President Macron, if he proves the proposal of Ursula Von Der Leyen to create a Security Council For Europe. The answer is YES. We are publishing the Q&A with President Emmanuel Macron, who actually developed his answer.

PRESIDENT MACRON IS FAVORABLE TO A EUROPEAN SECURITY COUNCIL PROPOSED BY URSULA VON DER LEYEN  
Q & A SESSION WITH PRESIDENT MACRON DURING THE PRESS CONFERENCE-----

QUESTION USPA : Mrs Ursula Von Der Leyen, New President of the European Commission, proposed to set up a EUROPEAN SECURITY COUNCIL, Are you in favor?-----

ANSWER PRESIDENT MACRON : "This is an idea that we have, several times discussed, have a forum for consultation on these topics is very important. We must agree on what is behind this term, because behind this reality is that there are countries within the EU (European Union), which have extraordinarily different systems in terms of their military commitments or their responsibilities, and therefore having a European Security Council in the sense that we act regularly on major geopolitical and military subjects we coordinate our positions, YES. Make it a constrained condition to our neighbors, NO, because we do not have a system that is the same by our neighbors and therefore I will not condition the French decision to engage forces that engage French milestones, which like you As you know in France, this is done by decision of the Head of State who passes through a procedure of Parliamentary Information to decisions of other parliaments. So the top I prefer to clarify right away. President Macron explained in response to the question of his approval of the proposal by Ursula Von Der Leyen on the creation of a European Security Council.-----

« Nevertheless, a body of coordination and clarification on these subjects is a very good thing and I support it. We have also set up in French-German, according to the treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle with the same clarity that I have just mentioned, ie to have a body of consultation and coordination between us, with also latitudes and our institutional specificities that remain. So we have it in Franco-German and I think it's about the specifics at the European level, and therefore I support the proposal of the President (of the European Commission) Von Der Leyen.». Approved the French Head of State-----

"And, I think we also need to think - and the above we discussed it with Chancellor Merkel- has a regular instance also of European coordination and the United Kingdom, post Brexit. Because on this subject we must regularly invite our British friends to continue having this dialogue with us. And that I think it's useful." Concluded President Macron

URSULA VON DER LYEN TOOK OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION ON DEC 1-----

On Sunday, 1 December, the von der Leyen Commission took office. Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, attended a ceremony at the House of European History in Brussels on Sunday, to mark the 10th anniversary of the Treaty of Lisbon. On this occasion, the President received the Treaties from David Sassoli, President of the European Parliament, in a symbolic hand-over. In the new Commission, Vadis Dombrovskis, becomes Executive Vice-President for the portfolio An Economy that Works for People, while Paolo Gentiloni assumes the position of Commissioner for the Economy. They will be responsible for advancing key initiatives such as Deepening the Economic and Monetary Union (EMU), integrating the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals into the European Semester, boosting investments via the InvestEU Programme and the Sustainable Europe Investment Plan, and strengthening the international role of the euro.

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