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## PRESIDENT MACRON DEPLOYED DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS OVER PHONE CALLS AMID CONFLICT

WITH PRES.PUTIN(11) ZELENSKY(18)&LEADERS

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**USPA NEWS** - Today is the 14th time that President Macron has spoken on the telephone with his Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin, since January 28, 2021. It is in a constant effort to maintain the channel of dialogue discussions, and this, so before the attack of February 24, 22 and after, that his calls are justified, and which also preceded President Macron's visit to the Kremlin, in Moscow on February 7, 2022. Today's call, which lasted 1h45, follows the previous call of 1h30 on Thursday March 3, which was at the request of Russian President Putin. According to the Elysee, these telephone exchanges, of President Macron, are "An assumed desire of President Macron to continue the dialogue to preserve civilians and obtain humanitarian gestures" and that at the same time "President Macron "will continue his relentless efforts to that President Putin cease military operations. "Explains a senior officer from Elysee's administration and adds that "There is certainly a refusal at this stage of President Putin to stop these attacks, but France will continue its diplomatic action, and that President Macron considers it necessary to stay in touch to avoid the worst". According to the Elysee

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President Macron's Sherpa, about the "unfulfilled commitments of the Russian President", Our correspondent asked him the question: According to your statements "President Putin expressed commitments to President Macron, which he did not keep, you said that this would be checked. "How to do this checkup? Have there been written commitments, signed, validated by an external entity so as not to fall back into previously unfulfilled promises?

The adviser replied: "No, unfortunately, I don't have any of that. Basically, I only have the instruments of diplomacy, that is to say the commitments that we make to each other. towards others and which we hope they can be kept. In any case, it is very important that we can verbalize these commitments and record them. Why? Because this first of all allows us to

to show that it is possible to do otherwise than by waging war. And secondly, because it also makes it possible to remind President Putin of the commitments he is making and of which

we could see, through the outbreak of the war, that he did not always keep them." he replied, quite late, since "promises were not kept" on issues of imminent war... .

DIALOGUE OF THE DEAF BETWEEN PRESIDENTS MACRON AND PUTIN-----

The exchange of Thursday, March 3, 2022, between Presidents Macron and Putin, was made at the request of President Putin, and it occurred the day after the speech of the French President who addressed the nation. In his 8:pm televised address (See article) "France is not at war with Russia" and he also stated that "Russia is not the attacked, it is the aggressor" and warned that the crisis would have an impact on the economy and the life of the population in France. President Macron had also reproached his President Putin, for having chosen "deliberately" the path of armed conflict "by reneging one by one the commitments made before the community of nations". The French President had also moderated his remarks " Neither France, nor Europe, nor Ukraine, nor the Atlantic Alliance wanted this war. On the contrary, we have done everything to avoid it," he added. "We are not at war with Russia (...). Today we stand alongside all Russians who, refusing to allow an unworthy war to be waged in their name, have the spirit of responsibility and the courage to defend peace."

According to an adviser to President Macron, recounting President Macron's telephone exchange: "He (President Putin) said that if the Ukrainians did not accept this through, say, politico-diplomatic means, he would get it anyway through military means. He also said that his military campaign would be adapted as that the objectives would be achieved and that basically he was ready to end the hostilities now if the Ukrainians now accepted these conditions, but if they did not, they would later be less well placed to negotiate." He also explained that at the end of this telephone interview, "which was at the request of President Putin », "allowed the President of the Republic to come back to the disagreements we have with Russia, to advocate for the diplomatic alternative to military operations, to tell President Putin the truth about how we view his war in Ukraine." And on the other hand he adds that "But the consequences it will have for Russia in the long term. This conversation was also unfortunately the opportunity to hear President Putin tell us of his

determination, basically, to continue the military operation and to pursue it basically to the end.

HUMANITARIAN ACCESS NEITHER A CEASE FIRE HAVE NOT GIVEN AN OPERATIONAL RESPONSE BY PRES. PUTIN TO PRES. MACRON, ACCORDING TO ELYSEE----To the question of our USPA correspondent, asking the sherpa of the President of the Republic Macron if following the return of this telephone interview: "President Putin is not ready for a cease fire and he has not engaged on the other hand on the human corridors to evacuate the civilians, the wounded, the vulnerable etc. is he ? » President Macron's advisor from Elysee then replied: « Yes, thank you for these questions. So your understanding of President Putin's positions is correct. President Putin's betting on the question of political negotiation, the protection of civilians or humanitarian access has not given an operational response. He has rather justified these operations, and denied that they cause civilian casualties or in any case, target civilians."-----

Regarding the tone of the dialogues between the two French and Russian heads of state, it was reported to us by President Macron's Sherpa at the Elysee Palace that "It's a frank dialogue, it's a dialogue that is robust, it's an uncompromising dialogue that allows everyone to say things as they see them and without precaution. This is not necessarily a conclusive dialogue, but it is a dialogue that everyone deems necessary and that our closest allies encourage us to have because basically, the President's feeling, which he had already had in Moscow when he met President Putin again after more than two years without having seen him, is that today we are dealing with a leader which is both very determined, but also locked into a certain logic which is a logic of confrontation." Source: Elysee

"VLADIMIR ARE YOU TELLING YOURSELF STORIES TALKING ABOUT DENAZIFICATION OR ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AN PRETEXT? SAID PRES. MACRON HAS PRES. PUTIN

For his part, President Putin repeated "want to go through with it, according to the planned plan", with regard to the He affirmed that the "Russian military operations were taking place". He also accused the Ukrainians of a "war crime", and explained his action to "denazify Ukraine". However, he added that he was ready to negotiate well, but only on his terms.

French President Macron replied that he was "making a serious mistake" about the nature of the Ukrainian regime, that the sanctions would increase, and that Russia would be increasingly isolated and weakened. And that Moscow's terms of negotiation were unacceptable. "Vladimir, you're telling yourself stories talking about denazification, you're looking for a pretext". According to the same source at the Elysee, President Macron, who is close to his Russian counterpart, invited the latter to "stop lying to himself". And told him: "You tell yourself stories, you look for a pretext in any case. What you are telling me is not in line with reality and cannot justify either the military operations in progress, or the fact that your country will end up isolated, weakened and under sanctions for a very long period..../Source Elysee

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