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## **PRES. E. MACRON O. SHOLTZ & A. DUDA WILL SUPPORT UKRAINE AS LONG AS IT TAKES**

**AT WEIMAR SUMMIT IN ELYSEE, 12 JUNE 23**

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**USPA NEWS** - President Emmanuel Macron welcomed his counterparts, Andrzej Duda, President of the Republic of Poland, and Olaf Scholz, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, this Monday, June 12, at the Élysée Palace for a Weimar Triangle Summit. The President of the Republic first met, during a bilateral meeting, with the President of the Republic of Poland, for a period of 30 minutes, followed by a bilateral meeting with his German counterpart, Olaf Shultz. A press conference followed around 8 p.m., answering questions from the respective country's firing presses after statements by the Latta leaders. A working dinner was then offered to the guests at the Elysee Palace. The last meeting in this format was held on February 19, in Germany, during the Munich Security Conference. They all spoke with one voice, to support Ukraine "no matter how it will take" in order to "start negotiations over sustainable peace" and "avoid any escalation"

### **DISCUSSION NOTICEABLY ON THE COUNTER OFFENSIVE AGAINST RUSSIA TO SUPPORT UKRAINE**

The three French Presidents Emmanuel Macron, Polish Andrzej Duda and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz coordinated on military aid and security guarantees to be provided to Ukraine the country offends its sovereignty and attacked by Russia on February 24, 2022, within the framework of the Weimar Triangle.

This dinner follows the trilateral discussion that took place last February on the sidelines of the Summit of Security, and ahead of the next NATO summits on July 11 and 12 in Vilnius, and the European Council of 29 and 30 June in Brussels. It is obvious that since the counter-offensive is organized, and the recent tragic damage such as the sabotage of the Krahkova dam, Ukraine, the European leaders, have shown themselves more than ever in solidarity with Ukraine, in the face of the Russian offensive and in the denunciation of Russian threats in Europe.

Polish President Andrzej Duda was the first to speak and declared that "Russian imperialism must cease and never again attack another state. I hope that with our help, this counter-offensive will be victorious" "he warned, recalling the Russian offensive vis-à-vis Ukraine on February 24, 2022. He adds that "the challenges facing us, our common aspiration that we live in peace and a cessation of hostilities of 1 to 3 months, we want a lasting peace which will ensure us a peaceful approach.

### **"THIS UNITY IS OUR STRENGTH, IT IS TIME FOR PUTIN TO REALIZE THIS IS THE END" EXPLAINED CHANCELLOR OLAF SHOLTZ**

German Chancellor Olaf Sholtz, for his part, recalled the common conditions and operations of this Weimar triangle "In the framework of this format we will give impetus in foreign policy and the subject of Ukraine is central and will be the central subject of our discussion today" Chancellor Sholtz, then insisted on the unity by the alignment of the three countries to support Ukraine as much as it will be necessary, "Germany and Poland support Ukraine, on the humanitarian level finance and armament, as much as necessary and because we are united on these issues" "this unity is our strength which Russia did not expect, when the fatal attack on Ukraine made" "It's Time for Putin to surrender realize that this is the end, and that he must finally be ready for discussions towards peace, and in the direction of the security of Europe. We are going to have a more united and stronger sovereign Europe, I am delighted to have deepened this with President Macron" he concluded.

### **« WE WANT THE FASTEST COUNTER OFFENSIVE TO START PEACE NEGOTIATIONS », PRESIDENT MACRON SAID**

President Macron replied to the press, about the confirmation of the counter offensive against Russia: "Yes the counter offensive started with care and methods with an army of leaders with the armies and the excellence of their tactical sense and orientation which will be deployed for several weeks or months, in the minute of the conflict," he explained. He adds that "These war efforts and to reconquer the territory will never attack Russia and will avoid escalation. He reassured. The French Head of State continues "It is in this context that we have provided logistical support and weapons equipment and we have always done what we have been told in a short time and even distributed damaged equipment and military training has started several months ago depending on our support. We wish the fastest counteroffensive to start negotiations and will last as long as necessary" he concluded /

## THE WEIMAR FORMAT IS A PLATFORM FOR COOPERATION AND DIALOGUE BETWEEN FRANCE GERMANY AND POLAND SINCE 1991

The so-called Weimar format was founded in 1991, two years after the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. It is a platform for regular exchanges and cooperation between France, Germany and Poland. The purpose of this cooperation was then to prepare and support Poland's accession to NATO and the European Union (EU) and to support German-Polish reconciliation, inspired by the Franco-German experience. Within the framework of the Weimar Triangle, high-level meetings take place regularly. Achievements are also materializing, both in the fields of foreign affairs and defence, as well as culture and research, according to the French MFA. Poland, having joined NATO, entered the European Union in 2004. This diplomatic format which brings together these three countries, which takes the name of this city where the Constitution of the Weimar Republic (1918-1933) was established. The last meeting between the three countries was held on February 19, in Germany, on the occasion of the Munich Security Conference.

## IMMIGRATION PACT TO BE ALSO DISCUSSED BY THE THREE LEADERS

The touchy topic of immigration was also raised during the Q&A session, in resonance with the recent knife attack in Annecy (A Syrian political refugee, stabbing four young children and two seniors, in a park in Annecy a week ago) who has bouverie all over France. An ad hoc meeting of the interior ministers of the twenty-seven European countries then took place immediately after this tragedy and yesterday, the President of the European Commission, Von Der Lyen while the Dutch PM, Mark Rutte, and the PM Italian, Meloni tries to go to Tunisia to curb the influx of migrants to the Mediterranean. They had resulted in an agreement of €1 billion in EU funding, promised to Tunisia in this sense.

For two years, consultations between the three countries have been frozen, following Poland's breakdown of negotiations with the European aircraft manufacturer Airbus on a major contract for military helicopters. From now on, the relations seem to be revived and orchestrated by the Head of State Macron, in the name of a lasting peace in Ukraine, by displaying a strong and united Europe in the face of Russia.

The three European leaders, Emmanuel Macron, Olaf Sholtz and Andreij Duda, together discussed the necessary European coordination in the military assistance to be provided to Ukraine to enable it to carry out its counter-offensive as well as in the humanitarian assistance, particularly following the attack on the Kakhovka dam. They all agreed to continue to provide unwavering support to Ukraine, as long as necessary, whose counter offensive has already started, with the aim of preparing for future peace negotiations...The subject of accession and Ukraine has NTAO, was also mentioned and will be discussed at the next Summit, from July 11-12 in VilniusIt was also a question of the security guarantees that could be provided to Ukraine, over time, in order to guarantee its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

## « THE MIGRATION PACT DECIDED BY MIN INTERIOR IS BALANCED AND GRADUATED IN FRENHC FASHION », PRESIDENT MACRON EXPLAINED

President Emmanuel Macron, acknowledged that "I must repeat our thanks for the solidarity of Poland, which from the first hours of the conflict (in Ukraine) reacted on the humanitarian level and took its share of responsibility during this period. The agreement reached by our Ministries of the Interior on the migration act, taken last week, is based on graduated and balanced French methods. He completes that "We must move forward with our values to defend with Ukraine but also Syria and certain countries which need migration for employment in terms of manpower"

We must not be the first to arrive, like Poland there was also Spain, Italy, Greece, keys this couple solidarity which must be found. President Macron, for his part, recalled the rule of the balance of« firmness, solidarity »

There is financial solidarity with thousands of men and women, to Germany and France and elsewhere. » he stated.

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