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## **FRANCE WELCOMES UAE'S PRES. HH CHEIKH MOHAMED BIN ZAYED AL NAHYAN 18-19 JULY 22**

### **WITH PRESTIGIOUS CEREMONIES**

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It is in a context of war in Ukraine, and of the oil and gas energy crisis in the world, that the official visit of the President of the UAE, HH Sheikh Mohamed Al Nayhan, to Paris takes place. The two Heads of State, who were both recently elected (In May 2022, for President Emirati and in April 2022, for President Macron) In 2021, President Macron made a short official visit to the United Arab Emirates, which was marked by the signing of the Louvre Abu Dhabi license agreement, which had been extended for ten years, until 2047. On Monday, at the Elysee on the occasion of a working lunch, the two heads of state will discuss future partnerships between the two friendly countries, "in terms of security, defence, energy and technologies of the future", according to the Elysée (French Presidency) and in particular the means of "joint efforts" for "regional stability and security". Many personalities from the political and business world are part of the Emirati delegation and will meet their counterparts on the French side, in a spirit of dialogue and bilateral partnerships and to seize business opportunities. The energy sector, and the energy transition, according to the zero-Carbon decarbonation plan objective by 2030, set by Abu Dhabi, with a view to reducing the consumption of fossil fuels.

#### **NO OFFICIAL VISIT TO FRANCE SINCE 1991 BY EMIRATI PRESIDENT UNTIL 2022**

It has been since 1991 that a President of the United Arab Emirates has made an official visit to France. In 1991, France and the UAE had on this occasion, signed an agreement of encouraging investments, via incentives. The visit of President HH Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed is therefore of great importance, as the royal presence of the Sheikh is rare on French soil. This is why, his prestigious welcome, is done with great fanfare, with an XL red carpet, by France, with honors, at the Invalides, "Royal" dinner at the Grand Trianon in Versailles, at the height of his rank. In addition to future partnerships to sign and consolidate the commitments already made during the previous meetings of the two heads of state, it is a question of strengthening Franco-Emirian friendship, both culturally, sportingly, economically and diplomatically. The UAE is the second Gulf Partner country after Saudi Arabia, with €M4,408 in

trade in 2018. In 2018, France was in 11th place among the countries from which tourists visiting Dubai originated with 348,000 people registered, a figure up 17% compared to 2017.

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#### TUESDAY JULY 19: EMIRATES PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH FRENCH PM ELISABETH BORNE

On Tuesday, July 19, at 10:30 a.m., President HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, will attend a ceremony and wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Arc de Triomphe in the presence of Mrs. Patricia Miralles, Secretary of State to of the Minister for the Armed Forces, in charge of veterans and remembrance, will take place

After these parliamentary meetings, it will be the turn of Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne, who will welcome HH Cheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, at the Hotel de Matignon, at 10:50 a.m., before his departure.

At 11:50 a.m., Mrs. Catherine Colonna, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, will accompany the President of the United Arab Emirates, HH Cheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan to the Pavilion of Honor at Orly airport, for his departure, as part of his state visit to France.

#### FRANCE HOPES TO SIGNATURE A STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH UAE 30 YEARS LATER THE LAST SUÂ INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP

The two Heads of State will necessarily evoke the energy component, and a "global strategic energy partnership", given Abu Dhabi's position to decarbonize with the zero carbon objective by 2030, and thus reduce their dependence on energy fossils. This is in line with the objectives set after the EU, for 2050.

Other subjects such as terrorism, security and mutual cooperation will certainly be the subject of an exchange between the two presidents and consider areas of partnership between the two countries, friends. The notion of investment is also at the heart of the discussions between HH Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan and President Emmanuel Macron, since Brexit has allowed Paris to become the essential and attractive place for foreign investors, (Sovereign Funds) and in particular in the sector of The opportunity to develop a "global strategic energy partnership?", renewable energies, nuclear and hydrogen.

On the financial level, an agreement signed between the two countries to encourage and protect bilateral investments dates back to 1991!

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