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[SPEECH BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC TOWARDS A GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL PACT]

Mr. President of the Constitutional Council, dear Laurent FABIUS,

Ladies and Gentlemen, the major players in the global commitment to the environment, dear friends,

The Rector of Paris,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to close this working day because it is a matter of work and exchanges to be able to reiterate our common commitment to this cause, our cause, the fight against global warming. I know, Mr. Chairman that you are, as I am, sensitive to the situation. And so your choice, that of welcoming us in the great amphitheater of the Sorbonne, inscribes your struggle, our struggle in its most perfect framework, because we are here in a place where for centuries the thought of the world has been forged. And that's what it is today.

Indeed, we are not only trying to contain and limit the climatic phenomena linked to human activity. We are trying to revise in depth the paradigms of our common life on this planet and for that we must forge ideas, notions, and rules that make up for what todaywhat \notin ni-7f-4(n) for what \notin line f(x) (1) f(x) (1) f(x) (2) LTBT1 0 0 1 412.502.3622

only the dignity of the man in question but his survival. And we know that the evolu

We need to take action that results in concrete results, to improve the daily life of our fellow citizens, to offer employment opportunities and economic activities. This includes all actions in favor of clean mobility, reducing emissions from buildings, developing the local cooperative and solidarity economy, and raising awareness and informing citizens about the impacts of their behavior.

It is not a question of choosing between environment and employment, between ecology and growth - these are the debates of yesterday. It is as I have sometimes said, to do it at the same time and for this, we must reorganize, transform, change behaviors, invest and do it with determination. To do so, we will decarbonize energy production, strengthen the price of carbon, support the development of green finance, provide favorable conditions for researchers and entrepreneurs around the world who provide dimate solutions, and mobilize public and private funding. We must integrate climate issues into international trade as well as into our modes of production. It is also necessary to preserve ecosystems, to prohibit the exploration of shale gas, not to issue new exploration and exploitation permits and keep fossil fuels in the subsoil. But we must also work to preserve the balance of the oceans, improve the exploitation of forests, and preserve the biodiversity essential for the functioning of our ecosystems.

All this will be the roadmap that France will announce before the end of July for national policy, as well as for its European policy. These actions will be those that will be carried out now and for the years to come because they impose profound changes. They require building this action in the long term, to give visibility to all actors. From the beginning, to explain clearly where we are going, why, to show our determination, to convince all of our European partners to do so. This French and European roadmap is the one that the government will have to present before the end of July and it is the road that will lead France's action in the framework and to succeed with the Paris Agreement for ourselves.

But now it is a matter of taking this fight even further and of acting decisively on the global scale. The United Nations is the right endosure for that. The Paris Agreement was, as I said, thanks to you, negotiated under its aegis and your presence here reiterates it. Doubt could have interfered with the decision of the President of the United States of America to withdraw from this agreement. You have noticed it as I do, it has not done anything. It was the reverse. The acceleration of ratifications has resulted in a deep awareness of certain governments. Yesterday I welcomed the President of Colombia. Last week they unanimously ratified the Paris agreement and these missing ratifications are continuing. We are still looking forward to the latest, especially to our Russian friends, and I am sure that each and every one of them will continue to confirm them. Why? Because they understand that this deep movement is not the property of so-and-so and that in the same way it could not be dammed by anyone. A man, whoever he may be, cannot stop the movement that you have consecrated with this agreement signed in Paris. Because this movement is stronger than we are. Because it is the awareness of the planet: that of the will for freedom and responsibility re-conjugated to the present and to the future. Because, and you are several to bear witness here, there is also behind this agreement the movement of territories beyond the states, which has been expressed and reconfirmed. Dear Arnold SCHWARZENEGGER, the R20, and all the territories mobilized behind the climate commitment, the commitment of the C40. And the day after the announcement of Mr. TRUMP, I received at the Bysée Anne HIDALGO as President of the C40 accompanied by Mike BLOOMBERG, its founder.

Regions, states, and cities all over the world have reconfirmed their mobilization and their willingness to go further and make it. Civil societies everywhere, non-state actors, NGOs, businesses, and citizen associations have reaffirmed every hour since that they want to act, to go further, to do.

So yes, to be here today together, to reaffirm that on a planetary level we have to take a new step after the Paris Agreement, it is to realize that we are carried by this deep wave which also goes beyond divisions, camps, and the reflexes we have sometimes known. There are associations that love the environment and economic actors who would like to continue producing. A few days ago I was at Vivatech, in this great Parisian success of technology and international entrepreneurship. I have seen researchers, entrepreneurs from all over the digital world, deantechs, and foodtechs show that by entrepreneurship, innovation, and transformation, we are reconciling this desire to produce and to respect the rules of the "ecology.

The world is ready. Our societies want it. So we have to act. And the question we are asked collectively is whether we, as politicians, are ready. If we want to continue in a way to reproduce everything that has always happened, to listen to the lobbies we know perfectly, who say to us: no, interests are stronger than all. To want to hear fears, to take refuge in habits, and to consider that the jobs of yesterday are always those to be preserved. I know that this path is not easy and there are so many difficult cases that we must together resolve with patience and respect. But this is the duty of contemporary societies: to know how to set a course and in constructive dialogue share our constraints, protect Individuals, and territories. But we have to show them that we can produce, create, and create the jobs of tomorrow where each and every one will have a place, by meeting the challenges that are ours.

We share the priorities of this draft pact: the polluter-pays principle, the precautionary principle, public information and participation, all the essential legal principles that you have just recalled, dear President. And we can combine them with the spirit of conquest and innovation that our societies also need. Now we have to realize the mobilization of the governments of the whole world around this

you, this work thus begun will continue to arrive at a text and convince our partners and place these efforts under the aegis of the United Nations. In association with