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## G7 KICKS OFF IN BIARRITZ GATHERING THE SEVEN LEADERS UNDER A TENSION

### TRUMP & MACRON HOPE TO APEASE TENSIONS

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**USPA NEWS** - The 45th G7 kick off today, as the seven leaders arrived in Biarritz, Basque Country, in South of France.

The first leader to arrive was Justin Trudeau who landed at Biarritz Airport, yesterday afternoon. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe arrived first at around 11:30, followed by Donald Trump (USA) around 1pm, Boris Johnson (UK) and Angela Merkel (Germany) shortly after 3pm. The French President Macron declared he wants the G7 to be « Useful », and still reminds the agenda of the discussions author of topics such as the major conflicts "(Iran, Syria, Libya, Ukraine ...), as well as the" situation of the world economy "and in particular "revival of growth" without forgetting the main theme of this G7 "fight against inequalities" (initiatives for equality between women and men, for digital...). In parallel with the G7, two anti-G7 demonstrations took place in Hendaye (French-Spanish border) (in the morning) and in Bayonne (in the middle of the afternoon), with the participation of 9000 to 15 000 people, according to the organizers. The morning demonstration was peaceful, the second was degenerate, with projectile jets, tear gas, grenade, water cannon ...

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### MACRON & TRUMP HAD AN IMPROVISED LUNCH TO « SOOTH TO A MAXIMIZE " TENSIONS BETWEEN FRANCE & USA

A lunch was "improvised", at the Palace Hotel, between President Emmanuel Macron, and American President Donald Trump. The French head of state, said to be very happy to receive his American counterpart: "It is a G7 which arrives at an important moment of destabilization on many subjects", underlined the French president, mentioning in particular the Syrian conflict or the Iranian nuclear treaty, the main bone of contention between the United States and the Europeans.

"We will also talk about economic topics so that things can be quiet as much as possible, so that we can find the right solutions in a concerted manner on the topics of digital, climate, gender equality," added Emmanuel Macron.

President Trump enthusiastically launched "I love French wine." in the preamble of this lunch. Indeed and add "We really have a lot in common, being longtime friends, we are bickering a bit (sometimes) but not too much, our relationship is special and so far so good," said Donald Trump far from the aggressive tone of these previous statements. "We have lots of important things to discuss"

The President Trump had arrived earlier than expected in Mérignac, where US Force Boeing 757 Air Force One 2 landed for the first time in Bordeaux around 11:30 am the day before-----

The American president, during this stopover stage preceding the G7, was offered a bottle of Bordeaux wine, Grand Cru Classé, appellation Saint Emilion (Value \$ 200) by the mayors of Bordeaux, Nicolas Frain and Philippe Buisson Mayor of Libourne in gesture of "courtesy" with respect to the American President, hoping also to mollify it following his recipe decision to tax the importation of the French Wine, in relation to the GAFA taxation, she woman announced by the President Macron . The beginning of the trade war between France and the United States: "They count on his benevolence and moderation in the face of his desire to increase customs duties on French wines imported into the United States", have justified the mayors of the region from Bordeaux, the largest wine region in France. Except that "Donald Trump never drinks alcohol, he prefers sugar-free Coke," according to a White House source.-----

The President of the European Council, Donald Tusk said that Europeans said during a press conference held at midday, would find it difficult to ratify the trade agreement between the EU and Mercosur if the Amazon continues to burn. He also announced that the European Union would respond if Donald Trump decreed new tariffs on French wine.

The heads of state, accompanied by their wives, concluded this first day of the G7 with an informal dinner at the Biarritz lighthouse,

whose chefs Cedric Bechade (Basque Region) and Guillaume Gomez (Head of the Elysee Palace) and the chef had concocted a menu of Basque specialties. The dinner ended around 11. pm, while the two thousand journalists were all invited by the Mayor of Biarritz Michel Meunac, a Basque evening in the Halles in the city center, or local specialties to enjoy under the tunes of folk songs from the Basque country were offered until 11.pm.

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