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## **PRES. MACRON & BRIGITTE WELCOMED HH CHEIKH MOHAMED BIN ZAYED AL NAHYAN**

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Some journalists were gathered in the shade, at the entrance of the Presidency of the Senate, where the very long red carpet skirted the half of the interior courtyard of the Luxembourg Palace. The two leaders then went to a beautiful room whose walls exhibited magnificent giant tapestries by Maubusson, to sign partnerships and cooperation contracts. The discussion was mainly oriented on energy and the energy transition, with regard to the organization in 2023, of COP28, by the UAE, as well as agriculture and food safety, in particular due to the current context of the war in Ukraine causing problems with the delivery of cereals from Ukraine and Russia to the rest of the world. The President of the Senate then responded to the Journalists in extended microphone format, including the one posed by our USPA team. The two leaders seemed very moved, both during their meeting, which augurs a future trip to the UAE, at the invitation of the Emirati President to the President of the Senate, Gerard Larcher. The President of the Defense Affairs Commission of Senate was also present as well as the senator and the senator. We are publishing Gerard Larcher's response to questions posed by journalists and the USPA team.

### **ENERGY & ENERGETIC TRANSITION WAS AT THE HEART OF THE DISCUSSION OF THE TWO HEAD OF STATES IN LIGHT OF UKRAINE'S WAR**

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. Both leaders discussed a range of regional and global opportunities and challenges, and agreed to work together to find ways to mitigate the impact of these challenges on each other and globally. They agreed to establish a France-UAE Comprehensive Strategic

Energy Partnership, representing a major step in fostering energy security and affordability. They also welcomed the agreement between Total Energies and ADNOC on fuel provision, with the aim of increasing the security of fuel supply in France. Of equal importance, the UAE also emphasized its support for global action on food security, and to work with France to find ways to mitigate ongoing pressure on global supply chains. The UAE announced its support to the Food and Agriculture Resilience Mission (FARM) initiative, specifically on open, transparent, and resilient food trade, as well as the provision of timely and accurate information to support the Agriculture Market Information System (AMIS). (Source: Elysee)

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