

PDT MACRON ADRESSED CALEDONIANS AS THEY VOTED OVER ACCESS TO FULL SOVEREIGNTY

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USPA NEWS - Caledonia says No to independence, President Emmanuel Macron expresses "a deep feeling of gratitude" .The inhabitants of New Caledonia, one of the island guards of France overseas, also called the "Caillou"^[?], registered on the special electoral list, went massively to the polls to express their wish to remain in the French Republic: 53, 26% voted against independence. Indeed at the end of this second referendum, Caledonian citizens have chosen to remain attached to France, faced with the other proposal of the Independents who are asking for their independence. President Emmanuel Macron spoke this Sunday, October 4 from the Elysee Palace after the results of the self-determination referendum organized in New Caledonia, after the victory of the No in the second referendum on independence in New Caledonia. This Sunday, October 4, voter turnout was massive, the gap between the two camps is tighter than in 2018. After a first vote organized on November 4, 2018 where 56.40% of New Caledonian voters voted "no" to independence, the second referendum held on October 4, 2020 also gave a "no" majority to the independence.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT MACRON OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CONSULTATION ON THE ACCESSION TO FULL SOVEREIGNTY OF NEW CALEDONIA OCT 4, 2020 - ONLY THE PRONOUNCED IS AUTHENTIC

« My dear compatriots, this Sunday, almost two years after the consultation of November 4, 2018, Caledonians were called upon to vote on New Caledonia's independence, in accordance with the Noumea Accord signed in 1998. With an exceptional participation, it is a second big successful democratic meeting, despite the more difficult conditions, even if the archipelago is spared by the pandemic. Today I salute all those who contributed to the success of the election: the mayors, state officials, the control commission, UN observers; I salute the political forces which have fueled this campaign.-----

The French President explains : « Voters have spoken. The majority of them confirmed their wish to keep New Caledonia in France. As Head of State, I welcome this mark of confidence in the Republic with a deep sense of gratitude. I also welcome these results with humility: I hear the voice of those who are driven by the desire for independence and I want to tell them: it is with you, it is only together that we will build New Caledonia of tomorrow.-----

This second referendum campaign certainly experienced some upheavals; it was marked by more tension and opposition. This is the logic of the referendum. And while some will certainly want to come back to what has been said, what has been done, I believe rather that we should welcome the success of this second election and look to the future. »

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The President Macron opens up a small window to the possibility of a future 3rd referendum : « The future is the last stage of the Noumea Accord. A third referendum is possible. It's up to your congressmen to decide. The state, true to its word, stands ready to organize it if it is their choice.

The future is also about preparing, whatever happens - with or without a third referendum - for the exit from the Nouméa agreement which will take place by 2022. Ultimately, the transitional provisions included in the Constitution must either give way to lasting arrangements - if the choice of remaining in the Republic is confirmed; or be withdrawn - if New Caledonia chooses independence. »

The head of state added : « It is up to us all together to prepare for this future. The time has indeed come to respond and understand the concrete consequences of all scenarios. And the state, without departing from its impartiality guaranteed by the Matignon accords, will follow this path.

The Caledonian political forces will have to get involved, that the supporters of the "yes" accept to consider the hypothesis and the

consequences of the "no"; and that "no" supporters agree to consider the hypothesis and consequences of a "yes". We will also need all the national political formations which, within the framework of the democratic debate, will have to outline their vision of the future of New Caledonia. I invite them to do so. »

« LET'S TAKE A WHOLE NEW PATH » PRESIDENT MACRON STATED

« My dear compatriots, for more than 30 years, we let's take a whole new path. We, Let us face our history in New Caledonia, which is a colonial history. And us, let's face our history in New Caledonia, which is a colonial history. And us, Let's try to get past it, so it doesn't lock us in. "We know today that we are at a crossroads. We have two years ahead of us to dialogue and imagine the future - and not just the institutional future. During my visit in 2018, I mentioned three challenges: the Indo-Pacific; economic development; the climate challenge, of which we can see more and more every day how significant and urgent it is. » President Macron highlighted.

The President Macron acknowledges the various sectors to be tackled : « To these challenges, as to those of education; agriculture, industry and energy; tourism, services and the sea; regional alliances and solidarities; everyday safety; equality between women and men, to all these challenges, of course we cannot answer with "yes" or "no". Embracing all that makes it possible to build a new project will be at the heart of the initiatives that the Government will take in the coming days. »

Whatever happens, our collective responsibility will be to keep the pact sealed at Ouvea in 2018, by planting a tree with little Ginette: watching over each other to make it grow and prepare for tomorrow. So let's continue.. Long live New Caledonia. Long live the Republic. Long live France" / President Emmanuel Macron Stated. Source: Elysee

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