



25th Spain-France Summit

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At the end of the Spain-France Summit held in Malaga on 20 February 2017, the President of the French Republic and the President of the Government of Spain adopted the following joint declaration:

In response to the common challenges that we are facing, France and Spain wish to send out a message of unity, of determination and of firm commitment to the European project.

France and Spain are proud of how much they have achieved together as members of the European Union: the longest period of peace and prosperity in the history of the continent; a singular project founded by nations that have democratically elected to join forces to act of common accord, with full respect for the rule of law as one of its founding and inalienable principles; a European space that has become the region of the world with the finest guarantees of individual liberties, of personal rights, security, social protection and the defence of the environment; the leading economic, trading and regulatory power, with one of the strongest currencies in the world; as well as a unique space for education, science and culture.

France and Spain are aware that together they are in a better position to tackle the challenges in an increasingly unstable and uncertain world, defend their values and interests, oversee the development of their economies and send out an exciting project to their young people. This conviction moves them to work towards a strong and supportive Europe that is capable of managing its own future and of asserting its position in the world to facilitate its better organisation.

France and Spain agree on the priorities listed in the Bratislava roadmap to respond to the concerns of their citizens. However, it is necessary to display even greater ambition in the coming years.

Strengthening growth and job creation constitute an essential priority when it comes to guaranteeing the future of the Welfare State. To that end, it is necessary to step up investment; further develop the internal market, particularly at a digital, industrial and energy level, including interconnections, and to escalate the fight against climate change through the full application of the Paris Agreement; strengthen the European framework

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of social rights, and define a strategy that leads to a sound trade policy for the EU. We must also guarantee that the Eurozone functions effectively and is endowed with mechanisms that allow it to correct imbalances and guarantee convergence, including at a fiscal and social level. To this end, it is necessary to conclude the banking union, extend the capital markets union, develop the coordination of economic policies from respect for the principle of subsidiarity and be able to count on common instruments that foster stability and convergence.

In order to defeat terrorism and protect Europe from the threats and instabilities that surround it, it is fundamental to guarantee the effective management and control of Europe's external borders and step up the cooperation necessary between the judicial, police and intelligence services of Member States. France and Spain have particularly suffered from the ravages of terrorism and are prepared to offer all Member States the benefit of the close collaboration they have established to fight this scourge.

At the same time, the people of Europe must accept their responsibility for common defence with the aim of being able to act when they decide to, on a complementary basis to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. France and Spain are committed to an ambitious project, that must lead to the strategic autonomy of Europe, through its full capabilities to effectively and credibly deploy military operations and civilian missions, including the permanent ability to plan and run operations; and to meeting our targets on defence spending and the better coordination of our programmes, as well as to the creation of a European Defence Fund.

With the aim of tackling the challenge of migration, Europe must adopt a comprehensive policy and increase resources to take in refugees fleeing persecution, fight unlawful migration and strengthen cooperation with third countries, specifically with countries in Africa and the Mediterranean. This policy must be based upon these fundamental values in our societies: asylum, integration and social inclusion.

As neighbouring countries and allies, backed up by a friendship stretching back several centuries, France and Spain are both committed to the success of the European project and have a responsibility to contribute to providing Europe with a further boost. They are prepared to contribute to this along with all those other countries that are prepared to take on this commitment. They will continue with this work together with Germany and Italy, countries that share this special responsibility, at the meeting that will take place in France on 6 March, in preparation for the Europe Council to be held on 9 and 10 of the same month and the commemoration on 25 March of the 60th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Rome,.



ANNEX: AGREEMENTS REACHED AT MALAGA SUMMIT

During the course of the summit, a series of agreements were reached on different matters that clearly demonstrate the extent of bilateral relations between the two countries.

The following instruments were signed:

- Technical Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Spain and the Government of the French Republic on the transfer of human remains by land
- Declaration of Intent on the handover of effects seized in cases involving the terrorist group ETA by the French Republic to the Kingdom of Spain
- Declaration of Intent between the Ministry of Home Affairs of the French Republic and the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Kingdom of Spain relating to stepping up cooperation between France and Spain in the fight against drug trafficking
- Administrative Agreement between the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Kingdom of Spain (Directorate-General of Civil Protection and Emergencies) and the Ministry of Home Affairs of the French Republic (Directorate-General of Civil Security and Crisis Management) on emergency assistance and aid in border regions
- Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Spain and the Government of the French Republic on the use of aerial fire-fighting resources in the case of mutual assistance in extinguishing wildfires
- Joint declaration by the Government of the Kingdom of Spain and the Government of the French Republic on the European strategy on culture in the digital era and on the reform of the intellectual property framework
- Framework Agreement on Cooperation between the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport of the Kingdom of Spain and the State Secretariat for Sport of the French Republic on sports matters
- Conclusions on energy matters
- Framework Agreement between the French National Centre for Space Studies and the Spanish Centre for Industrial Technology Development (Spanish acronym: CDTI) on enhanced cooperation on the matter of space activities.
- Agreement between the Spanish Conference of University Presidents (Spanish acronym: CPU), the French Conference of Directors of Engineering Schools



(French acronym: CDEFI) and the Conference of Rectors of Spanish Universities (Spanish acronym: CRUE) to establish the governing bodies of the University of France and Spain (Spanish acronym: UFRES)

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