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FRANCE & UK AGREED FOR A CENTER OF MIGRANTS DETENTION IN NORTH FRANCE

€M 543 TO BE PAID BY THE UK OVER 3 YEARS

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USPA NEWS - The President of the French Republic and the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland met today in Paris and chaired the 36th France – United Kingdom Summit. They reaffirmed our longstanding friendship and partnership between France and the United Kingdom, based on shared memory, common values, respect, and mutual interest, and a shared vision for our bilateral future. During a short press conference, held, at Elysee Palace, following the bilateral meetings between French and British delegations, the two leaders answer two questions from the media, from French and UK's side, after congratulating each other, and showing an enthusiastic cordiality, proving that they got on well. At the end of which discussion, the two countries decided to create a detention center in the north of France, facing the English Channel which separates the two countries. United Kingdom "will donate nearly £M500 €M541 million over three years, to help reducing illegal migrants crossing the channel, migrants in small boats across the Channel, from France to UK, and help to fund enhanced French patrols, the use of drones and building a detention center.

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"And then, it is obviously in the fight against irregular immigration that we also want to move forward together. We are each aware of the related human issues and the extreme sensitivity of these subjects. .

So together, we are already acting, and here I want to thank our two ministers and all the teams who work very closely. In 2022, more than 1,300 makeshift boat crossings were prevented. Together, we have dismantled 55 organized crime networks and made more than 500 arrests thanks to the work of the joint Franco-British intelligence cell. On November 14, we agreed on a renewed and ambitious bilateral framework to continue the fight against irregular immigration. Today, we have decided to continue in this direction, in a very operational, concrete way and aware of the shared nature of our responsibility. And in this respect, we have precisely decided on a reinforced coordination of our activities, new initiatives which oblige us, one and the other, and it is a question for us of acting together in a fully shared framework. But we have also said it, to be able to do it with all the Europeans who are concerned by the transits and the passage of these migrants and with certain countries from which the trafficking is organised.

In this regard, the Calais group is a relevant coordination forum and our two ministers are working closely on it. They plan to have upcoming meetings on this subject. But we also want to involve several countries of origin, several countries involved in clandestine networks. To this end, we have agreed on the need to increase our intervention and surveillance capacities and we have also decided to strengthen multi-year funding which will make it possible to commit sums commensurate with the current need on both sides." President Macron said

UK's PRIME MINISTER, RISHI SUNAK SAID HE MADE " ILLEGAL MIGRATION ONE HIS PRIORITIES "

" I have made it one of my five priorities to stop the boats. We are delivering on that priority to stop people coming to the UK illegally. Last year I agreed the largest ever small boats deal with France to increase UK-funded patrols by 40 per cent. This week I announced measures to ensure nobody who enters the UK illegally can remain here.

We don't need to manage this problem, we need to break it. And today, we have gone further than ever before to put an end to this disgusting trade in human life. Working together, the UK and France will ensure that nobody can exploit our systems with impunity.

In addition to the extra steps taken to patrol the beaches in the north of France, today's agreement will also see further UK and French cooperation upstream to stop illegal migration at source. This includes further coordination between the National Crime Agency and its French counterpart via officers based in countries along the routes favoured by people traffickers.

Alongside last year's deal with France, the Prime Minister has taken a number of steps to curb illegal migration since taking office

Anyone illegally entering the UK will be prevented from accessing the UK's world-leading modern slavery support or abusing these

laws to block their removal.

The only challenges that will suspend removal will be where someone claims that their removal to a safe third country would lead to a real risk of serious and irreversible harm, or on the basis that they do not fall within the cohort of persons liable to removal under the Bill. Any other challenges or human rights claims can also only be heard after removal, remotely.

By ending illegal immigration as a route to asylum, stopping the boats and taking back control of our borders the Bill will ensure the UK can better support people coming through fair, safe and legal routes."

This includes re-establishing the Calais Group of Northern European nations to disrupt traffickers and setting a long-term ambition for a UK-EU wide agreement on returns – an ambition France has confirmed today that they share.

This week the UK Government has announced a Bill to end illegal entry as a route to asylum in the UK.

These measures will remove the incentive for people to risk their lives through dangerous and unnecessary journeys and pull the rug from under the criminal gangs profiting from this misery once and for all.

Illegal migrants will be detained and swiftly removed to their home country if safe, or another safe third country, such as Rwanda, where they will be supported to rebuild their lives.

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