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## MELINDA AND BILL GATES WELCOMED AT ELYSEE BY PRESIDENT MACRON AND THE 1ST LADY

### DISCUSSED AFRICA & GENDER EQUITY AGENDA

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**USPA NEWS** - Bill Gates Billionaire (Microsoft founder) and co-chairs with his wife Melinda of the foundation, who bears their respective first names have both been received at the presidential palace. "I appreciated the chance to see President Macron, and Melinda and I had a good meeting with him, discussing his commitment to development, the work we are doing together, especially in Africa, in the region of Sahel, on issues like health and agriculture " " I'm really pleased to the partnerships and the commitments that we both have to improve undeveloped countries" said Bill Gates after a meeting with the Head of State at the Elysee. Melinda Gates stayed longer at the Elysee to talk to Brigitte Macron, the first lady to discuss issues about gender equity. I had the chance to ask him two questions, about Melinda his wife and the issues to be discussed with Brigitte Macron who is very much concerned about education and disability, in our society.

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QUESTION Rahma Sophia Rachdi : WHERE IS MELINDA ?-----

ANSWER Bill GATES : "Melinda is actually standing because she's gonna have a chance to meet with Brigitte" said Bill Gates

QUESTION Rahma Sophia Rachdi : IS THERE ANY PROJECT IN THE PIPE BETWEEN MELINDA AND BRIGITTE MACRON WHO IS CONCERNED ABOUT DICTION AND DISABILITY?-----

ANSWER Bill GATES : " We are all together on all the multilayers on the institutions that gender equality issues, and actually it is a nice thing that Melinda's works with Trudeau so she met him earlier and the three of them, Trudeau, the President and Melinda together to talk about the gender agenda and the newest that is taking place in the agenda." said Bill Gates

BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION LAUNCHED IN 2000 IS THE LARGEST PRIVATE FOUNDATION IN THE US

-----Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), also known as the Gates Foundation, is a private foundation founded by Bill and Melinda Gates. It was launched in 2000, and is said to be the largest private foundation in the US, holding \$38 billion in assets. The primary aims of the foundation are, globally, to enhance healthcare and reduce extreme poverty, and in America, to expand educational opportunities and access to information technology. The foundation, based in Seattle, Washington is controlled by its three trustees: Bill and Melinda Gates, and Warren Buffet,-----

It had an endowment of \$44.3 Bn as of December 31, 2014. The scale of the foundation and the way it seeks to apply business techniques to giving makes it one of the leaders in venture philanthropy, though the foundation itself notes that the philanthropic role has limitations. In 2007, its founders were ranked as the second most generous philanthropists in America, and Warren Buffett the first. As of May 16, 2013, Bill Gates had donated US\$28 billion to the foundation. Since its foundation, the foundation has endowed and supported a broad range of social, health, and education developments including the establishment of the Gates Cambridge Scholarships at Cambridge University. (Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation)

THE MOTTO OF BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION IS "ALL LIVES HAVE EQUAL VALUE" said Bill Gates -----

The other motto of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is "WE ARE IMPATIENT OPTIMISTIC WORKING REDUCING INEQUITY" his emblematic sentence makes sense, and grants the Foundation to be one of the most powerful, entity renowned for empowering the poorest especially the women and girls when it comes to get access o education, work or just a living for surviving in extreme locations.-----

Providing the resources to change public policies and attitudes, behaviours, is another key factor of success for a great social impact in the most fragile zones of the world. This way of inspiring people and help them to get to take action by themselves rather than to be assisted all the time, is probably the smartest method used by the Bill & Melinda Foundation, and the most impactful, eventually. Because, the founder Bill and his wife Melinda, do actually go to the field, and even train themselves the people in need, in Africa especially, in remote areas, away from every means of communication and sometimes, lack of drinkable water. Their choice of doing it themselves gives not only a credit to their actions, but also the best reward and recognition, once the job is done and the progress is proved to their philanthropy.-----

Bill and Melinda Gates, have learnt how they can use their fame and power to influence the biggest global leaders to encourage them to be part of the global effort of solidarity towards the poorest and this week, the choice was to lobby in France. This is how, Melinda Gates was welcomed by President Macron and his wife Brigitte, the same day as Justin Trudeau Canadian Prime Minister. Justin Trudeau and Melinda Gates discussed Canada's commitment to the Global Goals, last year in September 2017. We get that diversity is a source of strength, "Justin Trudeau said, in conversation with Melinda Gates. "One of the most obvious diversity plays you have to make is that you have equal representation of men and women." Gates introduced the Canadian prime minister today at Goalkeepers, an event

#### **BILL GATES WAS GLAD TO HAVE A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MACRON AND TACKLED ISSUES ABOUT AFRICA AND SAHEL**

There must be a common interest to all of the guests warmly welcomed at Elysee, on April 16th, by the Presidential couple Macron. While he was leaving the Elysee Palace, Bill Gates was very smiling and seemed delighted to meet the couple Presidential Macron. He then spoke to the press in the courtyard before he gets in his car without Melinda.-----

He spontaneously explained the content of his meeting with President Emmanuel Macron. "I appreciated the opportunity to see President Macron, and Melinda and I had a good meeting with him, discussing his commitment to development, the work we are doing together, especially in Africa, in the region of Sahel, on issues like health and agriculture "said the American billionaire to the press after a handshake exchanged with Mr. Macron on the steps of the Elysee. "We are pleased with the relationship we have and our growing commitment to improving the situation of developing countries," he added.

Asking where Melinda is, who did not come out of the Elysee at the same time as him, Bill Gates told me that: Melinda stayed talking with Brigitte Macron ". In insisting on ongoing projects between the French First Lady, "very concerned about the topics of child education and disability," Bill Gates replied that "

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