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2 MILLION OF SILENT REPUBLICAN MARCH IN PARIS, INCLUDING 50 HEADS OF STATE

FRENCH REPUBLIC STANDS UP FACE TERRORISM

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USPA NEWS - Paris hosted a Republican rally, for expressing a tribute to the 17 victims of the recent terrorist attacks against Charlie, and HyperCasher supermarket, in the simultaneous hostage taken, by three extremists last week. Fifty heads of state came to walk in solidarity with more 2 Million Parisians.

A SYMBOLIC WALK HENCEFORTH, IN A REPUBLICAN BREATH OF MOMENTUM AROUND THE NATIONAL UNITY-----

This 11th of January 2015 will remain memorable and even historical in response to this tragedy that affects the "France in the heart" by barbarism. Thousands of people gathered at "Republique square" in Paris, France, Sunday, January 11, to demonstrate against the recent terrorist attack at the Charlie Hebdo offices which resulted in the death of more than a dozen people, and the 5 more victims killed at the HyperCasher supermarket hostage taken.

They reached about 2 millions people by the end of the day, in Paris and other French cities hitting the street after a week of terror.-----

Just after 3 days of terror left 17 victims dead, the French authorities (Office of the French President and Prime Minister) had launched a national appeal to the French people to come walk from the Republic Square, a place steeped symbol, to express both the pain of loss of the victims (The terrorist attack in Paris Vincennes and Dammartin- 7th January) but also resistance facing to terrorism.

In parallel, a call was made to a fifty heads of state, and major international institutions Directors.

Among the other attendees: Angela Merkel German Chancellor, Matteo Renzi, the Italian Prime Minister,

All delegates represented either by their presidents, foreign ministers both heads of offices and ambassadors are as below:

AFRICA (7): MALI, SENEGAL, TOGO, NIGER, BENIN, GABON, TCHAD-----EUROPEAN (32): GERMANY, UNITED KINGDOM, IRELAND, ITALY, SPAIN, GREECE, PORTUGAL, MONACO, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG, NETHERLANDS, SWITZERLAND, SWEDEN, DENMARK, NORWAY, FINLAND, CZECH REPUBLIC, POLAND, ROMANIA, ALBANIA, MALTA, MONTENEGRO, BULGARIA, CROATIA, GEORGIA, HUNGARY, BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA, KOSOVO, LATVIA, SLOVAKIA, SLOVENIA, UKRAINE-----

-----MIDDLE EAST (7): JORDAN, PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY, ISRAEL, TURKEY, TUNISIA, LEBANON, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES-----

INSTITUTIONAL (12): ARAB LEAGUE, UNESCO, NATO, UN, INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE, EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, OSCE, OIF, EUROPEAN COUNCIL, EUROPEAN COMMISSION, COUNCIL OF EUROPE, EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL-----

Among the other attendees: Angela Merkel German Chancellor, Matteo Renzi, the Italian Prime Minister-----A strong international solidarity under the aegis of diplomacy was orchestrated by the French government, which succeeded in moving these personalities and dignitaries in 3 days. The logistics of the Elysée and the government was then managed a main de fer in a velvet glove. Indeed, the police force and gendarmerie mobilized (5,500 Number) to protect both the population and the mass at the site of the Republican running, and the political guests of honour. That was a big gamble taken by Francois Hollande and risky. The bet was won because citizens have answered a Republican appeal and the international media from all over the world to cover an exceptional event. It was exceptional and rare, as it appeared as a worldwide summit in very sad and of mourning circumstances, by solidarity.

Representatives of international delegations that came to participate to the Republican march of January 11 in Paris, went first to the Elysée Palace on Sunday to be greeted by the President of the Republic, and have a brief breakfast. As required by the French protocol, the dignitaries were driven by car to the Main entrance of the Elysée Palace, by order of importance ranks in a quiet and dignified ballet. Half an hour after that, they were invited to walk to the Marigny Avenue, to travel in luxurious buses, that would lead

them to the place of departure of the Republican running (From "Richard Lenoir" Avenue to City Hall 11th district). The organization was without fault, which passed through a rigorous application of the Protocol, by the reception of international delegations and French guests.-----

Nicolas Sarkozy, former President of the Republic, former prime ministers, Michel Rocard, Edouard Balladur, Edith Cresson, Jean Pierre Raffarin, Dominique de Villepin, François Fillon, Jean Marc Ayrault, and the current Manuel Valls and the Mayor Anne Hidalgo in Paris Claude Bartolone President of the National Assembly, Senate President Gerard Larcher were all there alongside the current government ministers. They were all there present aligned together, around the same national cause to deal with terrorism and symbolize political unity away from their usual bickering. The French left and right wings, were therefore hand in hand, to display an image of peace or truce politician, while Marine Le Pen, president of the National Front, had organized its own walk in the Gard (stronghold of the FN in the South France). Marine Le Pen had not been officially invited to the Republican march of Paris.-----

A CASTING OF POLITICAL PERSONALITIES, CAME FROM THE WORLD, TO WALK ALONGSIDE THE FRENCH PRESIDENT

Among the other attendees: King Abdullah II of Jordan, Federica Mogherini, EU foreign policy chief, Mahammadou Issoufou President of Niger. Francois Hollande, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, British Prime Minister David Cameron, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas linked arms to head the masses marching in the Place de la Concorde.-----

THE LEGENDARY REPUBLICAN MARCH WILL MARK THE HISTORY OF FRANCE FOR POSTERITY BY ITS NOVELTY AND TRAGIC

The Republican march launched by François Hollande was a great success, following a police operation and gendarmerie successful by executing the three terrorists who plunged France in terror, during 3 days. The French President, who welcomed the honour guests came to support the French people. He seemed affected and saddened by this horror that has "hit France in the heart."

The march "Republicaine" saw numerous world leaders from Europe, Africa and the Middle East link arms and walk through the streets of Paris as a show of solidarity with France. Large countries were missing such as the USA, Japan, China, Brazil, in particular Canada (Terrorist attack in October 2014 in Ottawa) and Australia (Hostage taken in Sydney in December 2014), which were also affected by terrorist attacks very recently.-----

President François Hollande right after the now historic march, visited the Great Synagogue Paris Victory with the Prime Minister Manuel Valls and Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve, to express their condolences to the Jewish community in France, following the hostage-taking at HyperCasher supermarket, which lost 4 Jewish victims killed by the 3rd terrorist. (Taken hostage by the extremist Coulibaly, simultaneously by another hostage taken by both Kouachi brethren, at the print office in Dammartin after attacking Charlie Hebdo and killed 12 people, the day before).-----

President Obama was missing in action today when world leaders linked arms to lead an anti-terrorism march of more than a million people in Paris.

There must be a reason for that"! What's the reason? -----

Meanwhile, thousands of people were marching in Washington DC, New York and other large American cities.----- Tonight, New-York, is lit in blue white and red (Empire State Building) with five minutes of darkness at 8 pm in memory of those who lost their lives in the recent, tragic events in France.-----

Eventually, the world will retain rather the millions of people who walked in Paris and elsewhere, on 11 January 2015, a historic date now, alas by its tragedy.

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