



B'NAI B'RITH INTERNATIONAL

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His Excellency Emmanuel Macron
President-elect of the Republic
Paris, France

Dear Mr. President-elect:

On behalf of B'nai B'rith International's more than 100,000 members and supporters around the world, we write to warmly congratulate you on the historic occasion of your election as president. We hope that your tenure will be an era of positive growth for the trans-Atlantic partnership and for relations between France and Israel.

We also would like to applaud you for the important stand you have taken against anti-Semitism and in favor of the France-Israel relationship. We welcomed your assertion that unilaterally recognizing a Palestinian state would cause instability and harm French-Israeli ties.

B'nai B'rith, an organization deeply committed to the French ideals of liberty and respect for the individual, is proud of its decades-long presence in France. As an agency dedicated to fighting anti-Semitism in all its forms, we deeply appreciate the importance you have placed on combating this vicious social illness and defending a vision of a France in which anti-Semitism and other forms of hatred have no place.

Mr. President-elect, B'nai B'rith offers our best wishes for your success in confronting the challenges facing France and its democratic allies. We look forward to regular communication with your government and hope that we can be a partner in your crucial effort to increase solidarity and understanding between France, the United States, and Israel.

Respectfully,

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President

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Chief Executive Officer

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