

## WE DID IT -EUROPE IS STRONG-UNITED PDT OF CHARLES MICHEL STATED

### AFTER SPECIAL EUROPEAN COUNCIL 07/17-21

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It is the project on which the French trusted me, the project that I presented in 2017 at Sorbonne, which agreed on May 18 with Angela Merkel and this agreement was finalized yesterday "The President of the European Council declared " Hello, everyone. We did it. Europe is strong. Europe is united. We have done it: Europe is solid, Europe is robust and, above all, Europe is united. » We publish the entire remarks of Charles Michel, in what follows.

#### REMARKS BY PDT OF CHARLES MICHEL AFTER THE SPECIAL EUROPEAN COUNCIL 17-21 JULY 2020

« Hello, everyone. We did it. Europe is strong. Europe is united. Nous l'avons fait: l'Europe est solide, l'Europe est robuste et surtout l'Europe elle est rassemblée. We have reached a deal on the recovery package and the European budget. These were, of course, difficult negotiations in very difficult times for all Europeans. A marathon which ended in success for all 27 member states, but especially for the people. This is a good deal. This is a strong deal. And most importantly, this is the right deal for Europe, right now.-----

I would like to thank all the leaders and the President of the Commission and their teams for their hard work. We showed collective responsibility and solidarity and we also showed our belief in our common future. And this agreement sends a concrete signal that Europe is a force for action.-----

We negotiated about money. But, of course, it is about a lot more than money. It is about workers and families, their jobs, their health and their well-being. I believe this agreement will be seen as a pivotal moment in Europe's journey, but it will also launch us into the future. In fact, it is the first time, the first time in European history that our budget will be clearly linked to our climate objectives. The first time, the first time that the respect for rule of law is a decisive criteria for budget spending. And the first time, the first time that you are jointly re-enforcing our economies against a crisis. » Charles Michel, President of European Council stated. European Council conclusions, 17-21 July 2020 On 21 July 2020, the European Council adopted conclusions on the recovery plan and multiannual financial framework for 2021-2027. Source : European Council conclusions, 17-21 July 2020

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