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## Trump, Macron agree on defense after ‘insulting’ European army spat

PARIS (Reuters) - U.S. President Donald Trump and France's Emmanuel Macron agreed on Saturday on the need for more European defense spending, papering over an earlier Trump tweet that had described Macron's call for a European army as "very insulting".

Meeting for talks at the Elysee a day before commemorations to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One, Macron welcomed Trump under rainy Parisian skies with a firm handshake. But there appeared to be less immediate warmth in the greeting between the two than in the past.

Seated on gilded chairs in the ornate presidential palace, Macron placed his hand on Trump's knee and referred to him as "my friend", while Trump kept more distance, although he also talked up common ground on an issue that had caused friction.

"We want a strong Europe, it's very important to us, and whichever way we can do it the best and more efficient would be something we both want," said Trump.

"We want to help Europe but it has to be fair. Right now the burden sharing has been largely on the United States."

Macron echoed those sentiments, saying he wanted Europe to bear a greater share of the defense costs within NATO, a point he has made repeatedly since taking office, alongside his ambitions for Europe to have its own military capability.

"That's why I do believe my proposals for European defense are totally consistent with that," Macron said in English.

Fresh off U.S. congressional elections that saw his Republican Party's power eroded, Trump's visit is aimed at bolstering the U.S.-European alliance at a symbolic time, with the world marking the centenary of World War One's armistice.

But in a tweet prior to landing in Paris, Trump took a dim view of comments Macron made in a Europe 1 radio interview this week in which he appeared to cast the United States as a threat.

Discussing the growing dangers from cyber-hacking, meddling in electoral processes and the U.S. decision to withdraw from a missile treaty, Macron said Europe needed to protect itself against China, Russia "and



even the United States".

U.S. President Donald Trump shakes hands with French President Emmanuel Macron as they meet at Elysee presidential palace, as part of the commemoration ceremony for Armistice Day, 100 years after the end of the First World War, in Paris, France, November 10, 2018. REUTERS/Carlos Barria

Later in the interview he spoke about the need for a European army, saying:

"Faced by Russia, which is on our borders and which has shown that it can be threatening... we need to have a Europe that can better defend itself by itself, without depending solely on the United States."

Trump, who has pushed NATO allies to pay more for common defense and not rely on the United States, complained.

"Very insulting, but perhaps Europe should first pay its fair share of NATO, which the U.S. subsidizes greatly," Trump said on Twitter.

## U.S. ends refueling support in Yemen war as pressure builds on Saudi Arabia

WASHINGTON/CAIRO (Reuters) - Saudi Arabia and the United States have agreed to end U.S. refueling of aircraft from the Saudi-led coalition battling Houthi insurgents in Yemen, halting a divisive aspect of U.S. support to a war that has pushed Yemen to the brink of famine.

The move, announced by the coalition on Saturday and confirmed by Washington, comes at a time when Riyadh, already under scrutiny for civilian deaths in Yemen air strikes, is facing global furor and potential sanctions over the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi at its Istanbul consulate on Oct. 2.

The United States and Britain late last month called for a ceasefire in Yemen to support U.N.-led efforts to end the nearly four-year long war that has killed more than 10,000 people and triggered the world's most urgent humanitarian crisis.

"Recently, the Kingdom and the Coalition increased its capability to independently conduct inflight refueling in Yemen. As a result, in consultation with the United

States, the Coalition has requested the cessation of inflight refueling support for its operations in Yemen," it said in a statement.

Saudi Arabia has a fleet of 23 planes for refueling operations, including six Airbus 330 MRTT used for Yemen, while the United Arab Emirates has six of the Airbus planes, Saudi-owned Al Arabiya al-Hadath channel reported on Saturday.

Riyadh also has nine KC-130 Hercules aircraft that can be used, it added.

U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said the U.S. government was consulted on the decision and that Washington supported the move while continuing to work with the alliance to minimize civilian casualties and expand humanitarian efforts.

Any co-ordinated decision by Washington and Riyadh could be an attempt to forestall action threatened in Congress next week by lawmakers over refueling

operations.

However, a halt to refueling could have little practical effect on the conflict, seen as a proxy war between Saudi Arabia and Iran. Only a fifth of coalition aircraft require in-air refueling from the United States, U.S. officials said.

The Sunni Muslim alliance led by Saudi Arabia and the UAE has recently stepped up military operations against the Iranian-aligned Houthi movement, including in the main port city of Hodeidah, which is a lifeline for millions of Yemenis.

"The continued escalation of attacks ... by the U.S.-Saudi-Emirati coalition confirms that the American calls for a cease-fire are nothing but empty talk," Mohammed Ali al-Houthi, head of the group's supreme revolutionary committee, wrote in a column published by the Washington Post on Friday.

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## Cold front to bring thunderstorms, heavy rain to Houston

Jackets and umbrellas are required personal effects this weekend, as a cold front brings rain and lower temperatures to much of the Houston area.

A cold front will come across southeast Texas early Friday, but thunderstorms could bring much rain to the area as early as Thursday afternoon, according to the National Weather Service.

There's a 30 percent chance of scattered thunderstorms until Thursday night, where chances for thunderstorms increases to 90 percent.

Throughout the day Friday, there's an 80 percent chance of thunderstorms, which

diminishes to 20 percent chance of rain showers through Saturday.

Rain chances increase to 60 percent on Sunday, then go back down to 30 percent Sunday night and 30 percent Monday.

The storm system's saving grace for Houstonians will be the cool weather that it brings along with it.

By Friday morning, temperatures will be down to the 50s. Rain and cloud cover are expected to keep the highs in the upper 50s, according to the National Weather Service.

On Saturday, lows will fall even further to the lower and mid-40s. And with more rain, temperatures will only rise to the 50s on Sunday, meteorologists said.



## Turner announces \$4.9M plan for City Hall beautification, repairs

Mayor Sylvester Turner stood on McKinney Street, and pointed the toe of his shoe at the lifted and jagged pavers that line much of the perimeter of City Hall.

The sidewalk will look entirely different a few months from now, Turner said, with level walkways that will not trip up pedestrians or cause problems for people with disabilities.

That work will be just one part of a \$4.9 million effort announced Thursday to beautify and improve pedestrian safety at City Hall and Hermann Square, the small park that rings the reflecting pool in front of the 80-year-old building that houses the seat of Houston government.

"There's no question that there's a lot of work that needs to take place here," Turner said. "If we can get this right, it will enhance the pride that all of us have about our city, and this is the epicenter."

The initiative will serve as the first phase of a beautification project that will draw from a mixture of public and privately raised funds, Turner said. All of the public funds that will be used for the project — more than \$1.9 million, mostly from bonds and the parks construction fund — already have been

earmarked, mayoral spokeswoman Mary Benton said.

City officials used Thursday's announcement to make a plea to the public to help about \$3 million for the effort. Houston Parks and Recreation Director Steve Wright asked public and private stakeholders to put aside any differences to collaborate on the initiative.

"This is about people," Wright said. "And when people come together, regardless of what side, and work together on projects like this, we can elevate this for the city of Houston and it reflects the heart of what I think that we stand for."

The project also brings together Turner and Elyse Lanier, whose late husband was former Houston mayor and one-time Turner political rival Bob Lanier.

The former first lady approached Turner with the idea to beautify the City Hall building at 901 Bagby, the mayor said.

In addition to the new pavers, plans call for new curbs and gutters, access ramps and improved landscaping and irrigation, Turner said. Improvements also will be made to flower beds, drainage,



A general view of city hall and Hermann Square at the Houston Women's March in Houston, TX on Saturday, January 21, 2017.

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Migrants, part of a caravan of thousands traveling from Central America en route to the United States, make their way to Queretaro from Mexico City



French President Emmanuel Macron and his wife Brigitte Macron accompany US President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump as they leave the Elysee Palace in Paris



Commemoration of the Centenary of the end of the First World War



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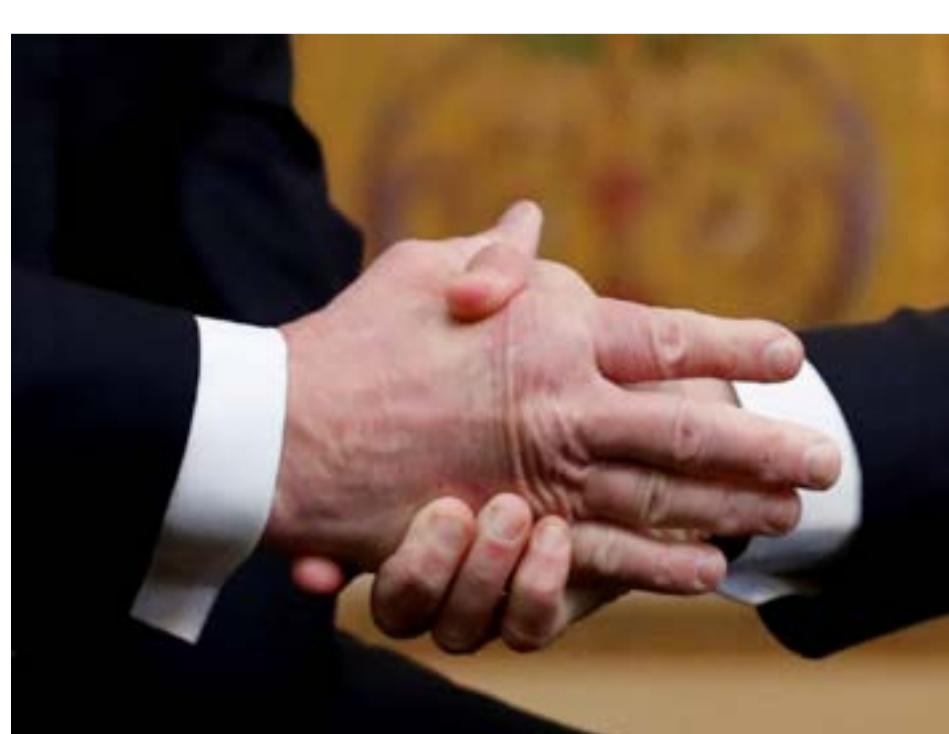
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Brigitte Macron, wife of French President Emmanuel Macron, greets US first lady Melania Trump at the Elysee Palace in Paris



U.S. President Donald Trump meets French President Emmanuel Macron in Paris



# BUSINESS

**OVERVIEW**

California Gov. Jerry Brown last Thursday signed a bill to reduce ocean waste and the use of plastic straws in the state.

Under the measure, restaurants would only be allowed to provide single-use straws upon request.

It applies to sit-down establishments but exempts fast-food restaurants.

California Gov. Jerry Brown on Thursday signed a bill to reduce ocean waste and the use of plastic straws in the state.

The measure, Assembly Bill 1884, limits restaurants to giving out single-use straws only upon request of customers. It applies to full-service dining establishments but exempts fast-food restaurants.

With the move, California now becomes the first state in the nation to restrict the use of plastic straws in restaurants. Several cities in California, including Malibu and San Francisco, have gone a step further by passing outright bans against the use of plastic straws as well as other single-use items, including plastic utensils.

Some cities have already taken the step; Seattle also banned the use of plastic utensils.

The California law doesn't apply to fast food restaurants or convenience stores. Full-service restaurants can still hand out paper or metal straws unprompted by customers. Violators can face a \$25 fine per day after two warnings.



Assembly Bill 1884 was signed in efforts to reduce plastic pollution and will go into effect on January 1.

Brown said plastic pollution kills thousands of marine animals every year. Researchers found 80 plastic bags in the stomach of a dead pilot whale that washed ashore in Thailand, he said.

"Plastics, in all forms — straws, bottles,

## California Governor Signs Bill To Reduce Plastic Straw Use, Cut Waste -- 'Choking Our Planet'

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



Paper straws sit on the bar at Fog Harbor Fish House on June 21, 2018 in San Francisco, California.

A ban on plastic straws in San Francisco is scheduled to go into effect July 1, 2019. California's statewide law to restrict the use of plastic straws in sit-down restaurants is set to take effect Jan. 1, 2019. (Photo/Getty Images)

packaging, bags, etc. — are choking our planet," Brown said in a statement.

"It is a very small step to make a customer who wants a plastic straw ask for it," he wrote. "And it might make them pause and think again about an alternative."

California banned free single-use plastic bags in 2014.

A report last year from the academic journal Science Advances said that, as of 2015, only 9% of plastics was being recycled, 12% was being incinerated and the other 79% was ending up in the environment. An attempt to pass a statewide plastic straw ban in Hawaii stalled in a legislative committee this month.

Environmentalists have been fighting to curb plastic waste found in oceans, lakes, rivers and even drinking water. The effort includes campaigns against single-use

grocery bags and bottle caps.

Meanwhile in California...



Restaurants violating the new California law could be subject to a fine of \$25 per day and as much as \$300 annually. The measure was approved late last month by the Democratic-backed state legislature despite opposition from some Republican lawmakers who called it a government overreach.

"It is a very small step to make a customer who wants a plastic straw ask for it,"

Brown said in his signing message for AB 1884. "And it might make them pause and think again about an alternative. But one thing is clear, we must find ways to reduce and eventually eliminate single-use plastic products."

The new law is scheduled to go into effect Jan. 1.

Brown noted that plastic waste causes harm to marine life, including killing millions of animals every year. He cited the case of a dead whale that recently washed up on a beach in Thailand that had some 80 plastic bags in its stomach.

The Democratic governor noted that the plastic waste problem isn't limited to marine life since so-called "microplastics" were recently found in tap water around the world. Plastics, in all forms — straws, bottles, packaging, bags, etc. — are chok-

ing our planet."

**Related**

Starbucks is done with plastic straws SEATTLE — Starbucks is seeing through to ditch plastic straws by 2020.



The company made the announcement Monday morning that it will begin to eliminate 'single-use plastic straws' from its more than 28,000 company operated and licensed stores.

Starbucks has designed, developed and manufactured an alternative their calling a strawless lid. It will become the standard for all iced coffee, tea and espresso beverages.

In addition, Starbucks will begin offering straws made from alternative materials — including paper or compostable plastic — for Frappuccino® blended beverages, and available by request for customers who prefer or need a straw.



CEO Kevin Johnson says "For our partners and customers, this is a significant milestone to achieve our global aspiration of sustainable coffee, served to our customers in more sustainable ways."

Customers in Seattle and Vancouver will be the first to see the strawless lids implemented, starting this fall, with phased rollouts within the U.S. and Canada to follow 2019. (Courtesy https://fox5sandiego.com/2018/)

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