

## PRESIDENT MACRON MET WITH UK PM BORIS JOHNSON IN G20 OVER FISHING LICENCES

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The dispute between the French and the British is not confined to fishing licenses (90% attributed by the UK to French fishermen according to the French rating, and 98% according to the British rating) which would only be the face visible from the iceberg, which will have frozen the relations between these two allied countries, and historically long-standing friends, because other more thorny subjects, such as that of the protocol of Northern Ireland and that of the migrants from Calais (dimension French Channel). « The Prime Minister underlined the need to agree solutions rapidly to safeguard the Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement and reduce disruption to families and businesses in Northern Ireland. » (Source : 10 Downing Street) All of this results directly from the first consequences of post-Brexit (signed on January 1, 2021, after four years of negotiations), and therefore falls under the arbitration of the European Union, even if each of the two countries has any the legitimacy of defending one's own national interests.-----

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This is how at the end of a bilateral meeting, between UK 's Prime Minister Boris Johnson, and French President Emmanuel Macron, on their own, would've been held in Rome for about thirty minutes this morning, without any their advisers, and no journalist, or photographer ... The result was a deaf language, drowned out by two versions (official communication from 10 Downing Street) and indications from officials of the Elysee, with blurring gaps the message, made incoherent .

At this stage of the negotiations and given the unprecedented nature of this meeting, we are only able to publish the official British press release, because the Elysee has not published any, on the French side.

STATEMENT BY UK PM MEETING WITH FRENCH PRESIDENT MACRON : 31 OCTOBER 2021-----

Prime Minister Boris Johnson met French President Macron today at the G20 Summit in Rome. Published, 31 October 2021

« The Prime Minister met French President Macron today at the G20 Summit in Rome. The Prime Minister and President Macron looked forward to next week's COP26 Summit, which they agreed must be a decisive moment in the fight against climate change. The Prime Minister thanked President Macron for France's leadership and ongoing support to climate vulnerable countries. The Prime Minister raised the Northern Ireland protocol, which he said was the most important issue currently affecting UK-EU relations. The Prime Minister stressed the need to urgently agree a solution in order to protect the Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement, including on governance. The leaders discussed fishing licences. The Prime Minister reiterated his deep concern over the rhetoric emanating from the French Government in recent days, including the suggestion by the French Prime Minister that the UK should be punished for leaving the EU. He expressed his hope that the French Government would de-escalate this rhetoric and withdraw their threats. »  
(Source: 10, Downing Street)

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