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President Macron also announced the future increase in manpower, which is "compared with the other major European powers, and especially of its human resources, which only numbers 13,600 agents. "explained the head of state Macron. The budget allocated to the Minister of Foreign Affairs will also be increased by 20%, as President Macron pointed out, to reach €7.9 billion by 2027. And finally, he recalled that "as true as I recognize the existence of a profession, a profession does not need a body to exist" with regard to the reform of Ena, the training school for senior civil servants which was transformed by INSP, abolished on December 31, 2021 , under the leadership of President Macron "I think this reform is good for the State and I think it is particularly good for your Ministry and for its agents. He justified, himself from this great public school and the most prestigious in France and where many ministers and even other presidents of the Republic have.

### **THE FINAL REPORT OF THE FORUM ISSUES RECOMMENDATIONS TO RESHAPE & OVERHAUL CURRENT DIPLOMACY**

"The final report of the Estates General gave a picture of our diplomacy, and made recommendations to strengthen it and adapt it to the current context. "explained President Macron The Head of State thus wanted to "demonstrate his gratitude to diplomatic and consular staff for their action in France and abroad, in this tense period where crises are piling up". He concluded by formulating his

expectations "for the future of our diplomacy, and to reiterate his commitment so that the Ministry has the means of its ambitions." "The final report of the Estates General gave a picture of our diplomacy, and made recommendations to strengthen it and adapt it to the current context." explained President Macron

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This reform was also intended to reduce favoritism linked to favored social origins, training the children of the elite as has always been the case in France and to allow accessibility through "equal opportunities". This should allow underprivileged and socially and disabled audiences. The Head of State did not say a word about it during his half-hour speech.

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