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HERVE MORIN UNVEILS THE NORMANDY INDEX OF PEACE AND WORLD FORUM FOR PEACE

TO BE HELD ON OCT 1-2

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USPA NEWS - Herve Morin, President of the Normandy Region, today held in Paris a press conference to present the Normandy World Forum for Peace 2020, in the presence of François-Xavier Priollaud, Vice-President of the Normandy Region, in charge of Europe and internationally, Nicole Gnesotto, Professor at the National Conservatory of Arts and Crafts (CNAM), holder of the Europe Chair, Vice-President of the Jacques Delors and Bertrand Badie Institute, Politician, Professor Emeritus of Universities, Sciences Po . Among the partners of the Normandy World Peace Forum were also representatives of the Circle of Economists, INA, the Open Diplomacy Institute, Docs up Fund and the Imagine Project.

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THE NORMANDY INDEX OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ASSESS RISKS OF CONFLICTS-----

The Normandy index of the European Parliament makes it possible to measure each year, on a scientific basis, the risks of conflict on a global scale. The first results of the Index were released at the press conference. Among the conclusions of the 2020 study, we note

the following:

- Norway, Australia and Switzerland remain the three countries least threatened by a risk of conflict between 2018 and 2019.
 - South Sudan, Somalia, Yemen, Syria and the Central African Republic remain the five countries most at risk of conflict.
 - Among the 10 most threatened countries, the situation has deteriorated for Iraq, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Chad.
- The entire study will be available at the Forum through an interactive tool.

3RD EDITION DEDICATED TO ENVIRONMENT SOCIAL & TECH IMPACTS OVER GLOBAL HEALTH CRISIS-----The third edition will examine the major environmental, social and technological issues but also the impacts of the global health crisis on the theme: "Preventing war: responding to new threats". To deepen the subject, three major conferences and around fifteen interactive debates will be offered to the public. The conference topics will be developed around an alternation of video reports and presentations by a panel of personalities. Among the personalities who have already confirmed their arrival, include: Gerard Araud, Yann Arthus-Bertrand, Jerome Garcin, Pierre Haski, Barbara Hendricks, Nicolas Hulot, Enrico Letta, Louise Mushikiwabo, Jean-Christophe Rufin.

THREE PLENARY CONFERENCES TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 1-2-----

Thursday October 1 at 9:30 am: Opening conference "The reasons for anger: social, democratic and environmental issues for peace"

Thursday October 1 at 2 pm: "Women and the construction of peace", in partnership with the magazine ELLE

Friday October 2 at 9:30 am: "Technological revolutions: for better or for war? "

FIFTEEN DEBATES (15) WILL BE HELD OVER TWO DAYS-----

Thursday October 1 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

- o Debate 1 | The EU on the international scene: what results ?, in partnership with the European Parliament
- o Debate 2 | Water diplomacy: sharing blue gold
- o Debate 3 | After the crisis: what a world post COVID-19 *, in partnership with Le Monde
- o Debate 4 | Restore confidence? in partnership with the Tocqueville Foundation
- o Debate 5 | Amazonia: a global issue, in partnership with the Normandy Chair for Peace

Friday October 2 from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

- o Debate 6 | Ethiopia, breath of hope for Africa
- o Debate 7 | What future for multilateralism and the UN?, In partnership with the International Peace Institute
- o Debate 8 | Freedoms in the face of the crisis, in partnership with the Warm Foundation
- o Debate 9 | Asian dynamics put to the test of the crisis, in partnership with Asia Center
- o Debate 10 | Global challenges, local responses: what solutions for the climate? in partnership with the Assembly of European Regions

And from 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

- o Debate 11 | Sahel: what regional initiatives for peace and security?, In partnership with the Institute for Prospects and Security in Europe
- o Debate 12 | What is a wedding ring worth today?
- o Debate 13 | (De) Global economic balances *, in partnership with the Cercle des Économistes
- o Debate 14 | Middle East: rebuilding itself in an uncertain context, in partnership with the United Nations Development Program
- o Debate 15 | Childhood in conflict

* 2 hour debate

THE NOCTURNES (BY NIGHT DEBATES) OF THE FORUM WILL OFFER

The nocturnes of the Forum will offer, On Wednesday September 30 at 8 p.m., a concert by Barbara Hendricks, internationally recognized singer and Honorary Ambassador of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, accompanied by her Blues Band in support of the Norman nursing staff mobilized during the COVID health crisis- 19 (places reserved exclusively for nursing staff).

On Thursday October 1 at 8 pm, the screening of the documentary "The Cave" by Feras Fayyad, nominated for the 2020 Oscars in the category of best documentaries, in partnership with Docs Up Fund (on registration).

On Friday October 2 at 8 p.m., a literary evening on the theme "Writers and Peace" in partnership with the magazine L'OBS, hosted by Jérôme Garcin (registration required).

YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2020 FORUM

Over the two days, several youth events will punctuate the forum:

Thursday, October 1 at 1:30 p.m. : Walk The Global Walk, which will bring together many young Norman people for a March for the climate as part of their work on the UN Sustainable Development Goal 13: measures relating to the fight against climate change, in partnership with the International Institute for Human Rights and Peace (2IDHP).

Friday October 2 at 10 a.m. : presentation and restitution of projects led by Norman and European high school students through the eTwinning educational platform, around their vision of peace in Europe and the symbols that they see as peace. Animation carried out in partnership with the Canopé network and in the presence of the academic authorities of Normandy.

Friday October 2 at 2 p.m. : the 2nd edition of the Freedom Prize which rewards a person or an organization engaged in an exemplary fight in favor of freedom, in partnership with the International Institute of Human Rights and Peace (2IDHP) . Saudi women's rights activist Loujain Al Hathloul has been named the 2020 Freedom Prize winner, succeeding Greta Thunberg. Barbara Hendricks, sponsor of this edition, will present the Prize to the sisters of the winner.

THE NORMANDY INDEX OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

The Normandy Index of the European Parliament makes it possible to measure each year, on a scientific basis, the risks of conflict on the planet. Country by country, it analyzes the major threats to stability and international security. It provides policy makers in Europe and around the world with a tool to create targeted instruments for external action. The 2020 Index edition will be presented in the Village through an interactive tool.

THE VILLAGE FOR PEACE

Open continuously, with free access, the Village for Peace will offer the public an ephemeral bookstore with dedications from speakers, a multimedia space, meeting spaces, presentations of NGO work, photographic exhibitions and cultural events. and musical.

"HANDSHAKES FOR PEACE" EXHIBITION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARIS MATCH MAGAZINE-----

The Forum will host an exhibition of photos from the Paris Match photographic collection illustrating key moments in history, often known to the general public, around famous handshakes of political leaders and civil society during the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. -----

An annual meeting open to all, this Forum is a place of reflection and discussion around tensions in the world and the construction of peace. It is led by experts in geopolitics, alongside representatives of governments, academia and civil society. The 2019 edition hosted four Nobel Peace Prizes: Mohamed El Baradei, Leymah Gbowee, Jody Williams, Denis Mukwege and internationally renowned personalities. In the context of the Covid-19 pandemic, it was impossible to organize the Normandy World Forum for Peace in its form and on the date initially planned, on the eve of the commemorations of the D-Day anniversary of June 6, 1944 and of the Battle of Normandy, as for previous editions. "Nevertheless, it seemed important to us to reconnect with a flagship event of international scope. This is why we wanted to keep this event in a more condensed format at the very beginning of October," declares Hervé Morin, President of the Normandy Region, former Minister of Defense. The reception conditions for the public will be adapted in strict compliance with health rules.

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