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A French and Swedish strategic partnership for innovation and green solutions

Our societies and economies are facing major societal and environmental challenges that require decisive action. The **digital transformation** is accompanied by major changes in organisational structures, trade relationships, knowledge requirements and worker qualifications that must be collectively addressed at national and European level, as discussed at the Social Summit for Fair Jobs and Growth in Gothenburg in November 2017.

The **fight against climate change** and the shift towards a more sustainable and resilient economy is a major global challenge of our time. France and Sweden acknowledge that the Paris Climate Agreement signed in 2015 is a milestone and must be fully implemented by all parties if we want to #MakeOurPlanetGreat-Again. The Climate Summit in Paris in December 2017 will boost the momentum to achieve this goal.

The benefits of addressing the digital transformation and the climate change, if conducted successfully, will be immense. Major opportunities for our citizens will open up as our economies become more innovative, resilient and sustainable. Society at large needs to be involved if we want to maintain and enhance strong social cohesion. **Building on the involvement of our world-leading industries, start-ups, academic communities and public sectors, and the commitment of our citizens,** France and Sweden will unite their strengths and deepen their relations.

We commit to a strategic partnership in innovation, digital transformation and green solutions, with the aim of delivering a brighter, sustainable future for our citizens. The partnership will contribute to sustainable growth, innovative solutions, new business models and new skills, thus creating new jobs while maintaining strong social cohesion. The partnership covers four areas of cooperation:

1) Green solutions for transport, clean energy and smart cities

We will focus on developing highly innovative solutions for our cities and societies to address new environmental conditions. This will require reduced greenhouse gas emissions from the transport sector and solutions for building green, inclusive and sustainable cities.



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2) Green finance for climate-resilient economies

We will focus on developing tools to finance the transition towards low-carbon and climate-resilient economies, fulfil the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement and develop an appropriate framework to allow companies and financial institutions to go green as quickly as possible.

3) Digital transformation, smart industry and start-ups

We will focus on combining competence and excellence in European research with world-leading French and Swedish companies and innovative start-ups within a number of areas, including digitalisation, automation, robotics, IT and telecommunications to take the lead in the necessary transformation to a sustainable society.

4) Health and life sciences innovation

We will focus on offering our citizens active and healthy living throughout their life, from childhood to old age. Innovations will spur solutions in innovative medicines, medical technologies, eHealth, nutrition and microbiome, and environmental medicine

The way ahead

The French and Swedish governments agree on the framework nature of this partnership to further deepening our bilateral relations and enhancing this strategic partnership for innovation and green solutions. The partnership is operationalised through a roadmap and will be followed up by the French Prime Minister's Office and the Swedish Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation. The governments commit to evaluating the concrete results of this partnership and to updating it every two years, the next time being on the occasion of a bilateral summit in the second half of 2019.

Signed in Gothenburg, on 17 November 2017

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