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## **PRESIDENT MACRON REFUSES U.S.A FOLLOW-UP OVER CHINA & TAIWAN CONFLICT**

### **AND NO BLOCK-TO-BLOCK LOGIC WITH EU**

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**USPA NEWS** - The President of the French Republic, Emmanuel Macron, distances himself from the diplomatic crisis created by the conflict between China and Taiwan. The French head of state, who has just returned from his state visit from April 5 to 7, 2023, refuses to "enter into a block-to-block logic", and urges Europe not to "be a follower" of the United States or China, concerning the conflict between China and Taiwan. This province, independent since 1912, is in the crosshairs of China, which has recently encircled this island in the Pacific. "The worst thing would be to think that we Europeans should be followers" on the question of Taiwan "and adapt to the American rhythm and a Chinese overreaction", adding that "our priority is not to adapt to the agenda of others in all regions of the world", while calling for Europe to "wake up" declared President Macron in this interview given on Friday during his trip to China (Source: Interview President Macron, Les Echos)

Indeed, from April 8 to 10, the Chinese army conducted military maneuvers aimed at encircling Taiwan for three days. The autonomous island detected 12 warships and 91 aircraft on the last day of the operation.

Denounced by Taiwan and the United States, which called for "restraint" while deploying a destroyer in waters claimed by Beijing, these maneuvers received support from Russia on Monday.

On the American side, a U.S. Navy guided-missile destroyer sailed through a disputed area of South China Sea on Monday, pushing back against territorial claims by China over rising bilateral tensions, the Seventh Fleet said in a statement of the US Navy Department.

It all started, since the recent visit to the United States of America on Wednesday, the President of Taiwan Tsai Ing-wen meeting the President of the US Congress, Kevin McCarthy, which provoked Chinese anger and led to an immediate reaction. translating into Chinese military maneuvers encircling the Island of Taiwan, (Warships and fighter planes).

The French and European leader, Emmanuel Macron, to perfect as for him, to concentrate on the reinforcement of the 3rd European superpower, by the constitution of a large strategic and powerful pole by "strategic autonomy" in the name of the "fight of Europe", while avoiding adding a crisis to a crisis (that of Ukraine / Russia, deae in the process of disentangling by the European Union) and avoid "an acceleration of the conflagration of the duopoly" China - United States, at the risk of no longer having "the time nor the means to finance" this "strategic autonomy".

"We will become vassals when we can be the third pole if we have a few years to build it", explains Emmanuel Macron, then he adds that "The paradox would be that when we put in place the elements of a real European strategic autonomy, we began to follow American policy, by a kind of panic reflex. (Source Les Echos).

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