



**SIMULATION SCENARIO :
ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST BY 2025**

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Iran

France is committed to P-5+1 agreement and its full implementation. France has expressed the need to renew the negotiations that successfully led to the 2015 Accord. The Vienna agreement must be preserved and France is willing to support the limited and progressive removal of targeted sanctions, on the condition that Iran agrees to renew the negotiation process opened 10 years ago, and extend it for a renewed time period.

France is concerned by Iran's involvement in Middle Eastern conflicts and the development of its ballistic missile programme. France would not oppose the inclusion of the latter in future negotiations with Iran.

It is essential that any future deal includes a central role for the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) to continue to verify Iran's respect of international norms and the peaceful nature of any of its nuclear program.

As it already did in the past, France condemns all unnecessary gestures and declarations potentially endangering the fragile political regional stability. France reaffirms the need to prevent any escalation of words and of violence in the region.

Jordan

French President Emmanuel Macron has been talking with King Abdullah to express its strongest support and friendship. Denouncing the vicious attack on the King of Jordan, France publicly stated its support to a long-time ally.

In regard to the ongoing events, France Ministry of Foreign Affairs encourages French tourists not to travel to Jordan at the present time and advises its citizen that have no obligation to stay to leave the country. France will soon decide if it repatriates some of its resident diplomats from Amman.

France forcefully condemns all escalation of violence and is worried by the threats made towards civilians including Palestinians residing in refugee camps.

France denounces Iranian show of force and calls for the Iranian government no to meddle in Jordan internal affairs, especially at a time when the regional order is at great risk to collapse.

The Palestinian Arena

France calls for the immediate release of the kidnapped Israeli civilian and will continue to raise this issue at international level until his safe return. France wishes to reiterate its friendship to the Israeli people. France

France calls for Palestinian leaders to do everything in their hands to guarantee the safe return of the kidnapped civilian.

France calls for the Israel to exerce restraint and denounces the us of disproportionate violence by military forces. France also stresses the importance of restraint, moderation, and the protection of civilians.

France condemns in the most explicit manner the terrorist attacks committed by Hamas and urges all Palestinian parties to publicly condemn such acts. It also condemns and urges Hamas to ensure rockets firings from the Gaza strip come to a halt.

France calls for all parties, Israeli and Palestinian to discourage any further attacks against civilians, refrain from all forms of incitements, and restore quiet in the west bank.

The Cholera outbreak in Gaza strip

Will support coordinated effort to provide medical support. Calls for Israel to allow the safe passage of medical supplies and to allow children under 18 to be treated outside the strip.

The Northern Front: Syria

France witnesses with growing preoccupation the militarization of the UNDOF zone and calls for the preservation of the ceasefire conditions along the Alpha Line. It calls for Syrian forces to immediately withdraw from the area.

Along with its EU partners, France condemns recent declaration by Hezbollah's leader and urges its allies to engage in similar condemnations.

France condemns Iranian recent military deployments in Syria. It considers these moves as a threat to the regional stability and engages its P5 fellow members to bring the matter to the UN Security Council. France demands Russia pressures Assad government to take all necessary measure to deescalate growing tensions and will send its Minister of Foreign Affairs to Moscow to engage in discussion on the topic.

Lebanon

France condemns all demonstration of force by Hezbollah.

In regards to the exploration of gas fields in disputed maritime areas, France urges both Israel and Lebanon to return to the mediation initiative started already in 2012. France would be willing to provide its good offices in order to renew the dialogue and find satisfactory solutions for all parties, including private compagnies already investing in the maritime gas fields.

Turkey

In regards to the Cholera outbreak France encourages all parties to act in a coordinated and open manner and offers its help to all concerned parties.

Saudi Arabia

France encourages its friend and ally Saudi Crown Prince to help defusing tensions in the wider Middle East and reaffirms they shared and common interests and preoccupations on key security issues.

Iraq

France urges both Turkish and Iraqi leaders to engage in an open and direct dialogue on all territorial issues currently at stakes. France military forces present in the region will continue to monitor with attention the evaluation of events on the ground. France engages its partners and other countries with military forces on the ground, including Russia, to do the same.

Anti-ship missiles attack north of Bab al Mandab straits

In accordance with International Maritime Law and especially the principles of Freedom of Navigation as enshrined by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, France calls for the absolute respect of international norms.

Following very serious recent incidents in the straits of Bab-El-Mandeb threatening the security of merchant fleets in the area, France will take all necessary steps to ensure the safety of international navigation in and around the straits, protecting its interests and the interests of its allies.

In light of the current threats on the sea trade route at the straits of Bab-El-Mandeb, France will lead the European Union naval effort to guarantee the safe passage of the maritime route, joining the international naval force initiated by the United States. France will act within the framework of the European Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP), mobilizing, if necessary, its military resources currently based in the region.

"The Renaissance dam" crisis between Egypt and Ethiopia.

France calls all the concerned parties, and especially the governments Egypt and Ethiopia to restrain from the use of force and instead opt for a negotiated solution.

As it did in the past, France government is willing to assist Egypt, Ethiopia, and other countries in key economic projects. It urges all parties to return to negotiation on the dam issue within the framework of the agreement signed in 2018 between Egypt, Sudan, and Ethiopia.

The Great Powers

France President Emmanuel Macron declares that, along with its American ally, it will not allow Iran to become a nuclear military power and offers to host a urgent meeting on the issue in Paris.

France will support a meeting of the UNSC on the North Korea issue.

France calls Russia to engage in good faith diplomatic coordination in Syria.

North Korea

France regrets and denounces the recent moves by North Korea and condemns the conduct of nuclear experiments.

France will support any negotiated outcome but, for now, calls for the reinforcement of international sanctions on Kim Jong-un regime.