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## HERVE MORIN & FRANCOIS XAVIER PRIOLLAUD TELL US THE KEY OF SUCCESS OVER COVID-19

### HEADS OF WORLD FORUM NORMANDIE FOR PEACE

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The founders of this forum on Peace in Normandy, Herve Morin and Francois Priollaud, have chosen precisely, the general theme retained for this 3rd edition is: "Preventing wars - responding to new threats". Knowing that "The construction of peace" remains at the heart of the challenges of this World Forum, and "the main threat is now more social and human than political and strategic", as explained Bertrand Badie, political scientist specializing in international relations, the opening conference is aptly titled "The Reasons for Anger" [?], preamble to a fascinating debate that will take place later on multi-lateralism and its future as well as that of the UN. "Each year, our forum is bigger, stronger, more international", rejoices Hervé Morin. He did not want a "white year to build peace" [?]. added Hervé Morin, President of the Normandy World Peace Forum. "It's Davos Bis dedicated to peace" Hervé Morin, President of the Region.-----

Herve Morin is a French politician, currently the President of Normandy Region and leader of the party The Centrists (Ex Right Wing), he was the Minister of Defence (2007-2010) under the term of President Nicolas Sarkozy.-----

François-Xavier Priollaud is mayor of Louviers since 2014 and president delegate of the agglomeration Seine-Eure (CASE). He is also Vice-president of the Normandy Region and a member of the Committee of Regions of the European Union. In 2007, he joined the 7th class of the Diplomatic Institute of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs before joining in 2008 the office of the Minister of Defense, Hervé Morin, as political advisor.-----

Our reporter, sat and had a candid conversation with Herve Morin, President of the Region, and his Vice president, Francois Xavier Priollaud. who are the pioneers and at the initiative of the World Forum Normandy of Peace, conducting for a cross interview as part of the 3rd edition of the Normandy Peace World Forum. The first edition brought together more than 5,000 people alongside internationally renowned public figures, including Ban Ki-Moon, former Secretary General of the UN, Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, Vice President of the European Parliament and Jean-Pierre Raffarin, former French Prime Minister. During the second edition, in 2019, This year, no less than five Nobel Prize winners will participate in the event. Among them Denis Mukwege, the joint winner of the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize with Nadia Murad for their fight against the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war in conflicts. In 2020, during the complex situation of the COVID-19 outbreak, the 3rd edition of the Normandy World Peace Forum entitled "Preventing War:

Responding to new threats », there were 122 speakers from 34 countries, thanks to the web conferences, and 30 partners in the Village or the sessions participated in the animation of the Forum. This year 2020, marks also the validation of the 'Normandy Index for Peace' aims to measure the level of conflict in the world, by the European Parliament. It was presented for the first time on the occasion of the Normandy Global Peace Forum in June 2019, as an avant-garde index to advance the process of peace across the world.

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QUESTION USPA: HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO MAINTAIN THIS 3RD EDITION OF THE WORLD NORMANDY FORUM FOR PEACE DESPITE THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND IT SEEMS THAT SO MANY VISITORS HAVE COME SO FAR?-----

ANSWER HERVE MORIN: The authorized reception capacity has been reduced to seven hundred (700) people in the plenary room and the adjoining rooms, and compared to last year, in the open air and to allow a strict organization with more people. All this was set up upstream with the police prefecture. And then we added night sessions, and even more sessions and events over the 3 days, which take place mostly outdoors, instead of keeping everything in busy days with a smaller number of participants, in respect of social distancing, (one chair in two)-----

USPA QUESTION: THIS YEAR THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT PUBLISHED AND VALIDATED THE EUROPEAN PEACE INDEX LAUNCHED BY THE WFNP AND WHICH IS YOUR PARTNER SINCE THE 1ST EDITION, IS IT A VERY STRONG GUARANTEE OF CONFIDENCE AND ADDED VALUE, SO DOES THE UNITED NATIONS ?-----

ANSWER HERVE MORIN: Yes, since the beginning of the Normandy World Peace Forum, there has been an agreement linking the Normandy Region and the European Union, and European policies, and it was during the 3rd edition that there was a report from the Union. European, validating on the only and index and Index, European and youth and possibility of sending to Brussels and the House of Europe in Brussels and we created the Normandy Peace classes with the Caen Memorial, and we send them immersion students in Brussels. The objective of this immersion is to experience this original cornet around peace, with these new students from the Chair of Peace. As for the United Nations (UN), and the UNDP in particular, is very keen to work with us for NORMANDY FOR PEACE and a debate was organized and envisages being able to slide to deepen with the institutional and non-institutional in the sense of peace building. UNDP works to eradicate poverty and reduce inequalities through the sustainable development of nations, in more than 170 countries and territories.

QUESTION USPA: THE FRENCH REGIONS PLAYED AN ESSENTIAL COORDINATED ROLE WITH THE GOVERNMENT DURING THE LOCKDOWN PERIOD OF COVID-19, HENCE, A DECENTRALIZED APPROACH. CAN YOU EXPLAIN YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE NORMANDY REGION AT THAT CRITICAL TIME ?-----

ANSWER HERVE MORIN : The region observed the weaknesses of transmission on certain subjects, and the protection of caregivers and populations and representatives of the world of work in companies, so our Normandy region has undertaken its mission which was to provide masks, in fact millions of masks offered both for health personnel, (The masks are FFP2P and surgical) . Then there was the fall in economic activity and we were able to provide 5 million masks in the middle of the company, and to the mayors who had distributed them, either to the public service and funded up to 80 % by Europe, and the rest of is 20% financed by the Normandy Region. Then as for the obligation to fight against the digital disruption, we sought to improve the workspace and to connect and we also provided computers. Each year, 48,000 computers are offered to children at school to avoid social inequalities, as in every high school in Normandy. On the transport side, buses and transport have received the participation of regional efforts and next week the second recovery plan of the Region is to be paid, the State must allow its representative who is the reflection, to have sufficient flexibility and capacity for action.../Interview conducted By Rahma Sophia Rachdi/Jedi Foster.

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