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**Germany and France celebrate the 60th jubilee of the
Élysée Treaty on Sunday, January 22**

On Sunday, 22 January 2023, France and Germany celebrate the 60th jubilee of the Élysée Treaty that sealed their reconciliation after the Second World War. Together, France and Germany are committed to strengthening the European Union, for an EU that is even more resilient, more sovereign and more capable of action.

On this occasion, German Ambassador to the UAE Alexander Schönfelder and French Ambassador Nicolas Niemtchinow said: *“On this Franco-German Day, we send a clear message: Germany and France are each other's most important partners and closest allies. Franco-German relations are extraordinarily strong and deep in various fields. We have frequent exchanges between our governments and regions, and above all, between many cities, associations, schools, universities, companies – that is, between our people. Here in the UAE, as anywhere else, there is no foreign policy issue on which the German and French embassies do not work together.”*

The Franco-German Council of Ministers taking place this Sunday will contribute to strengthening the bilateral partnership and will comprise the coordination of the two countries at the European level and on the international scene, in particular in the unwavering support provided to Ukraine.

The French President and the German Chancellor will also be keen to honor the network of Young Franco-German Talents, who contribute to bringing the populations of the two countries closer together.

Long live the Franco-German friendship! Vive l'amitié franco-allemande! Lang lebe die deutsch-französische Freundschaft!