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Emmanuel Macron
President-elect of France

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Dear President-elect

Please accept my congratulations on your election as President of France.

The Scottish Government's relationship with France is strong and remains vitally important. This is evident through the many historical and contemporary links between our countries, with this year marking the 75th Anniversary of the Scottish Free French House and the 70th Anniversary of the French Institute in Scotland.

We continue to build on our strong relations with France, through frequent Scottish Government Ministerial visits. My Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs, Fiona Hyslop MSP is attending the launch of the Lorient Interceltique Festival in Paris on 22 May.

I know that you see a bright future for France in the European Union with the benefits that membership brings. I share that vision for Scotland, where our people voted overwhelmingly to remain in the EU in last summer's referendum on EU membership.

I look forward to our countries continuing to strengthen relations and working with each other in the coming years.

With my best wishes

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