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## **PRESS RELEASE**

The President of the French Republic will attend the European Union - South Africa Summit in **Bordeaux on Friday 25 July 2008**.

This occasion is both the first Summit to be held during the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union and the first Summit organised between the European Union and South Africa.

It will provide an opportunity to review the implementation of the strategic partnership and action plan adopted jointly in May 2007.

The three Presidents, Thabo MBEKI, José Manuel BARROSO and Nicolas SARKOZY, will discuss three areas in which South Africa is a major partner of the European Union:

- global issues: climate change, migration and food security
- economic issues: Economic Partnership Agreements, the WTO and the role of the private sector in development in Africa
- security issues: Zimbabwe; Sudan/Chad; the Middle East

### **Schedule**

**10:10**

Arrival of the President of the French Republic and José Manuel BARROSO, President of the European Commission at the Résidence Préfectorale in Bordeaux  
(*Résidence Préfectorale – 17 bis rue Vital Carles*)

Welcome by Alain JUPPE, Mayor of Bordeaux

- 10:15** Arrival of Thabo MBEKI, President of the Republic of South Africa  
Welcome by the President of the French Republic
- 10:30** Plenary meeting
- 13:00** Joint press conference held by the President of the French Republic, José Manuel BARROSO and Thabo MBEKI, at the Palais de la Bourse
- 13:35** Luncheon hosted by the President of the French Republic in honour of Thabo MBEKI, President of the Republic of South Africa