

Emmanuel Macron, Donald Trump discussed need for broad digital tax deal

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French President Emmanuel Macron and US President Donald Trump discussed the need for broad digital tax deal over a telephonic call. (Francois Guillot/Pool via Reuters)

Paris: France's Emmanuel Macron discussed the need for an international agreement on taxing digital service companies with US President Donald Trump in a call on Friday, the French president's office said.

The exchange "which partly centered on Iran and the upcoming summit of the G7 group of rich nations in August" came after Trump earlier said he would hit France with "substantial reciprocal action" after Paris announced a tax that will affect US technology companies.

"The president also underlined that the G7 summit would be an important opportunity to move towards a universal taxation of digital activities, which is in our common interest, and which we need to keep working on in order to obtain a broad international agreement," Macron's office said.

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