



# FRANCE 2026

## Conference on International Trade and Supply Chain Security

May 5th / 3:00 – 7:30 PM

Maison des Travaux Publics – 3 rue de Berri, Paris 8th arrondissement

### Program (as of April 3)

**2:30 – Welcome of participants**

**3:00 – 3:30: Opening Remarks**

- Patrick Martin, President of MEDEF (10')
- Nicolas Forissier, Minister Delegate for Foreign Trade and Economic Attractiveness, France (20')

**3:30 – 4:45: *The future of International Trade: B7 expectations***

- ▶ Keynote Address by a G7 Trade Minister (15') - *tbc*

**Round table speakers (1h):**

- Laurent Scheer, President of MEDEF's Trade Committee, VP Public Affairs at Pernod Ricard (France)
- John Murphy, Head of International Division, US Chamber (US)
- Markus Beyrer, Director General, Business Europe (Europe)
- Ichiro Hara, Managing Director, Keidanren (Japan)
- Barbara Cimmino, Vice-president for Export and Investment Attraction, Confindustria (Italy)
- Sabine Weyand, Director General, DG Trade - European Commission
- Claire Cheremetinski, Deputy Director General, French Treasury

**Moderation:**

- Dr. Elvire Fabry, Director of the "Trade and Economic Security" program at the Jacques Delors Institute, and Rapporteur of the EU-China working group

## **4:45 – 6:00: Critical Materials Supply Chain Security – What Common Objectives for the G7?**

- ▶ Keynote address by a G7 Trade Minister (15') - *tbc*

### Round table speakers (1h):

- **Hughes Jacquemin**, CEO, Northern Graphite (Canada)
- **Tore Prang**, VP Communications and External Affairs, Aurubis AG (Germany)
- B7 representative from UK
- **John Drummond**, Head of Division Trade Policy, Directorate for Trade and, OECD
- **Benjamin Gallezot**, Interministerial Delegate for the Supply of Strategic Metals and Minerals, France
- *B20 Guest: Confederation of National Industry – CNI (Brazil) – tbc*

### Moderation:

- **Agatha Kratz**, Partner at Rhodium Group

### **6:00: Closing remarks**

- **Laurent Scheer**, President of MEDEF's Trade Committee (10')

### **6:15 – 7:30: Cocktail reception**

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## **About B7**

*Bringing together the most representative business organizations from the G7 countries, as well as leading business executives, the B7 (Business 7) has been amplifying the voice of the business community in G7 discussions since 2007. It aims at providing recommendations to the G7 on issues impacting the global economy and the business activities. The Mouvement des Entreprises de France (MEDEF) has the honour and the responsibility of guiding the B7 activities during the French G7 presidency in 2026.*

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