
KING AND MACRON TOAST 'EVER CLOSER' UK-FRANCE TIES AT STATE BANQUET

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King Charles said the partnership between the UK and France needed to grow "ever closer" in the face of "profound challenges", as he hosted Emmanuel Macron at a state banquet at Windsor Castle.

The King and French president dined with the Royal Family and some 160 guests, including Sir Mick Jagger and Sir Elton John - with English sparkling wine on the menu.

Macron and his wife Brigitte earlier had been given a ceremonial carriage procession through Windsor, accompanied by the King and Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales, at the start of their state visit.

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