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Contribution of the Citizens' Convention on Climate for a way out of the crisis

On 3 and 4 April, the members of the Citizen Convention on Climate held an extraordinary online session to discuss, within the framework of their mandate, the economic and social consequences of the Coronavirus crisis in order to take stock of their work.

During these two days of work, the members of the Convention had the opportunity to discuss the ins and outs of a plan to find a way out of the crisis and the climate and social issues related to it.

At the end of these two days of work and in the light of the work carried out since October, the members of the Citizen's Convention wished to contribute to the debates on the way out of the crisis through two mechanisms:

Communication to French society and its leaders

In this communication (attached and available [on the website of the Citizens' Convention on Climate](#)), the citizens who are members of the Convention explain that "even though some [of them] are on the front line", they wanted to contribute to the arbitrations that the Government will soon start, "because the crisis we are currently going through is apparently not unrelated to climate change and environmental degradation."

They expressed themselves in favour of a way out of the crisis "that is not achieved to the detriment of the climate, humans and biodiversity" and "that prepares for a different, more humane and resilient economic and societal model."

Furthermore, they call on the government to ensure that "the financing that is mobilized in the framework of crisis recovery is socially acceptable and directed towards green solutions" and that "investments are concentrated in future-oriented climate-friendly sectors."

They express themselves in favour of a "reconfiguration of international relations [...] in a spirit of social justice" with a regulation of globalization that is "climate-friendly" and a "relocation of activities in strategic sectors to ensure our food, health and energy security."

Finally, they recall that "this crisis concerns us all and can only be resolved through a joint effort, involving citizens in the preparation and decision-making process."



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The transmission of 50 of 150 proposed measures drafted by the Convention to the executive

In order to contribute to the national effort, the Convention has chosen to share a number of its proposals with the executive without delay (especially considering their effects on key criteria): "In the face of the emergency, some of our measures would make it possible to contribute both to a revival of the economy, to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and, undeniably, to the improvement of our collective health and well-being, while taking into account the most vulnerable populations."

These proposals were neither voted on nor finalised by the Convention, which still has to continue its work. The members of the Convention have chosen not to share them at present with French society, before they can hold the final session. During this final session, they will finalise, vote and present all their proposals publicly, specifying those that could be the subject of a referendum.

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