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Avoiding an armed conflict on the Ukrainian border. Emmanuel Macron met several times yesterday with Vladimir Putin to avoid an invasion of Ukraine by Russia and quickly reach a ceasefire. The President of the Republic also proposed to his Russian and American counterparts to meet at a summit. Vladimir Putin and Joe Biden accepted "the principle" of this summit according to a press release from the Elysée. The summit will be held on the condition that Russia does not invade Ukraine. Today, diplomatic discussions will continue, notably between the Minister of Foreign Affairs Jean Yves le Drian and his Russian counterpart. An extraordinary meeting of OECD representatives will also take place at midday.

Also in the news, a return to school this morning for students in Zone B. This return is marked by a reduction in health measures, and children will no longer need to wear a mask in the playground. Mixing between students of different classes is possible again, and parents no longer have to submit a declaration of honor justifying a negative test.

Two months before the presidential election, the president of l'Association des maires de France, David Lisnard, announces that he is giving his sponsorship to Jean-Luc Mélenchon. The mayor of Cannes indicated yesterday that his sponsorship is offered "out of a republican spirit" and that sponsorships themselves are not worthy of support. For the moment, the candidate of France Insoumise has still not received the 500 sponsorships necessary to run for president.

The orange weather warning for high winds was lifted last night in the le Nord, le Pas-de-Calais, la Somme, and la Seine-Maritime. These 4 departments were heavily affected by storm Franklin. In the Hauts-de-France, 25,000 households were still deprived of electricity last night. In Normandy, rail traffic will be severely disrupted today.

The red weather warning has also been lifted in La Reunion. The island was brushed by cyclone Emnati in recent days, without major damage.