**François Hollande met with S&D MEPs: Europe needs a new vision**

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**Intro**

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* Extracts of Gianni Pittella's intervention in the plenary room (Italian soundbites, English subtitles available)
* Interview with Gianni Pittella (English soundbites)
* Footage of François Hollande discussing with S&D Group's members

**Shotlist**

FRANCE, STRASBOURG (OCTOBER 7, 2015) (SOCIALISTS AND DEMOCRATS, EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT - ACCESS ALL)

1. CUTAWAY: VARIOUS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IN STRASBOURG (EXTERIOR)
2. CUTAWAY: VARIOUS OF THE PLENARY AND THE ENTRANCE OF THE PRESIDENT FRANCOIS HOLLAND AND THE CHANCELLOR ANGELA MERKEL
3. FRANCOIS HOLLANDE (PRESIDENT OF FRANCE) SAYING (FRENCH):

“Do we want to go back to the old system of the 20th century? Or do we want to go towards a consistent approach for the coming century? I made my choice: I have chosen Europe, with the will to look for compromises as far as possible and at the highest possible level. That’s the spirit of the collaboration we have intended with Angela Merkel in order to be up to this century’s challenges.”

1. CUTAWAY: PLENARY APPLAUDING AFTER THE PRESIDENT’S SPEECH
2. GIANNI PITTELLA (S&D PRESIDENT) SAYING (ITALIAN):

“Dear colleagues, I know that some European citizens and some people in this room believe that the decline of the European Union is inevitable. We have to reject that fatalism. We should remember the words of François Mitterrand, a great European, who said in this chamber: "Our role is to prevent the inevitable, to achieve what is impossible and to ensure that hopes become reality”. Thank you very much.”

1. CUTAWAY: PLENARY APPLAUDING
2. CUTAWAY: FRANCOIS HOLLAND ARRIVING AT THE S&D MEETING
3. GIANNI PITTELLA (S&D PRESIDENT) SAYING (ENGLISH):

 “I warmly thank François, with all my friendship. Indeed, he went to our Group meeting, listened to 25 speeches and answered all of them with competence and passion. We share the same fight and together, we will struggle to start and reinforce a new vision for Europe.”

1. CUTAWAY: GENERAL VIEW OF THE S&D MEETING ROOM

**Story**

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Speaking after the interventions of the two Heads of State, the President of the Socialist and Democrat Group in the European Parliament, **Gianni Pittella**stated: "In the past the Franco-German rapprochement has been one of the major factors contributing to the integration of Europe; there was a common political vision behind this political cooperation. It is important that Chancellor Merkel and President Hollande have come to testify directly to the house of the European citizens, but Europe needs a new vision now. Europe needs a gradual but inexorable new political project supported and shared by all member states. We can no longer imagine imposing further integration from the top down. The inter-governmental model is outdated and must finally be overcome".

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