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## **PRESIDENT HOLLANDE WILL NOT RUN A SECOND TERM IN 2017**

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**USPA NEWS** - France's President Francois Hollande announced last Thursday, just before he flew to Abu Dhabi, where he chaired the International Conference about Culture IHeritage he will not seek a second term in office. "I have decided not to be a candidate in the presidential election." President Hollande said

#### **FRENCH PRESIDENT HOLLANDE SURPRISES BY NOT SEEKING REELECTION AND OPENS UP DOORS-----**

French voters will go to the polls in April and May 2017, but Hollande, who has low popularity ratings, says he will not stand for re-election. "I am speaking to you this evening to inform you of the decision I have taken in view of the forthcoming presidential election," he said. "I have decided not to be a candidate in the presidential election."

It is the first time since 1958, when France's fifth republic was created, that an incumbent president has not sought re-election. Hollande's Socialist Party will now have to find a candidate to run against the opposition now represented by Francois Fillon, winner of the Republican Party against Juppe, and Marine Le Pen, leader of the far right, Front National.

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#### **FRANCOIS HOLLANDE SURPRISES EVERYONE BY ANOUNCING HE IS NOT SEEKING REELECTION IN 2017---**

Francois Hollande, 62, defeated Nicolas Sarkozy in 2012 to become the first Socialist president to win a French election since François Mitterrand's re-election in 1988. The announcement of not running presidency, gives new hopes to the candidates of the Social Party primary elections, particularly to the Prime Minister Mr Manuel Valls, who plans to be a candidate and said he will "defend the government's record" and to launch the presidential bid. Manuel Valls also declared about the french President Hollande "The president has my complete respect and affection." means until what extent ?

Marine Le Pen said on Friday that if she was faced with both Fillon, Nicolas Sarkozy's former prime minister, and Valls, Hollande's prime minister, she would attack them on their records in office: "We'll go in by reminding people that prime ministers have the entire responsibility for the policies that were put in place." "The far right calls us to retreat, to exit Europe and the world. They are taking as reference what happened in the United States of America," he said, referring to the election of Donald Trump. "I am clearly telling you, the greatest danger is protectionism. ..." President Hollande said, in his declaration.

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