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The White House assured, Friday, to continue to want to defend this freedom. "The United States applauds the terms of the Christchurch appeal which reiterates the importance of respect for human rights and the rule of law, including the protection of freedom of expression," Jen Psaki continued in her statement. In 2019, during Donald Trump's tenure, the United States justified its decision not to side with the appeal, launched by New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and French President Emmanuel Macron, by a desire to protect freedom of expression, while affirming to support the objectives of this initiative.-----

Now, since the arrival of Joe Biden and his administration things seem to change and this rejoices President Macron who expressed to USPA his commitment to the United States of America, to join the call of Christchurch: "I also welcome the USA's choice made to join the call of Christchurch, and therefore I think that on the choice of values and openness, things are very positive" said President Macron, responded to USPA, (in Strasbourg European Parliament May 9, 2021).

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