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Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to give our very warm thanks to Jean-Claude Trichet who has spared no effort.

May I bring this session to a close on a personal note: I am one of those who have admired Jean-Claude Trichet for quite some time, maybe three decades. Throughout his career, he has – whether at the Bank of France, the European Central Bank or in his various functions – fought courageous battles for what used to be called “monetary order”. During all his professional life, he has had to fight against what I personally call a certain obscurantism or a certain casualness in the matter. He continues to fight his battles, tirelessly and resolutely, but also with kindness and an open mind towards those he is talking to.

A big thank-you to Jean-Claude Trichet for having made the effort to come and join us and for having spoken to us with as much insight as he has today. Thank you Jean-Claude.

The good news is that you have about ten minutes of free time in front of you, as the workshops begin at 3:30 on the dot. Don't forget that, at the end of the day, you have a session on the governance of current events, followed by the gala dinner.

For the gala dinner, I am pleased to tell you that you will not have one speaker, but two. See you in a little while.