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Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests, we will open this long session on major risks. Thank you very much for being present this morning. Thank you to all the very distinguished panellists. My name is Lionel Zinsou. I must present the apologies of President Terrab, who will not be in a position to moderate this session, having royal duties in Morocco. I will do my best to give the floor to our panel members.

We are very pleased to welcome today a panel of very complementary skills, at the highest possible level. It is a very diverse level. Each of our panel members has prepared something quite specific. You will have some formal presentations, some slides, and videos. It has been very well prepared by each of them and I must thank them for that.

We will probably start with broad problematics on what are the major risks going forward, mapping them, and ranking them. First, we will start with the identification of those risks. We will have comments introduced first by Mr Beauvallet, who is the CEO of the AXA Research Fund and so has all of the input of one of the most important insurance companies in the world.

Then, we will have comments from the more academic side, with Professor Qu commenting on the next 20 years, in terms of risks, with all of his diplomatic and academic experience, chairing the institute in charge of training the diplomats in China and researching the diplomatic environment in Beijing.

Then, Professor Yurgens, who is a great specialist of everything associated with society, defence, and new technologies and is the Chair of the Institute of Contemporary Development in Moscow, will give us a view of the relationship between managing risks, policy making, and government, as well as the failures of successive global governance to master the risks. For that, we will remain sure that we will have a link with the major theme of this conference, that global governance is not lost in translation. We will have this view.

Then, Sano-san, Mr Sano, who has had a very long career as a policy maker and is now a very senior lawyer, will give us a Japanese angle on the problematics of the major risks.

Then, we will come, maybe, to some specifics, so that we will have some case studies. Mr Salvador who is in Capgemini and has always been very focused on cyber and technological matters, defence-related cyber matters, going from the new IT technologies for civil use to cyber weapons. He will give us a view on specific threats and specific preparation for cyber risks in a defence-related context.

Then, we will have, with Professor Wittenberg of London, a view on aging and healthcare-related matters in one of the most important risks in our society. It cannot exactly be defined as a risk like cyber war, but you will explain why the insurers, Mr Beauvallet, call that the fixed risk. It is interesting to see that it is not exactly the same definition, but it is absolutely a major issue worldwide. We will have this view.

We will have Professor Chalmin of the Dauphine University. He is a French prophet for everything related to raw materials, who we hear, usually, three to four times on the radio and see on the TV in France, telling us what the evolution of foodstuff or oil prices will be the next day. Professor Chalmin will cover food safety and food security in the world and the nutritional risks of the world of tomorrow.

We need somebody who is a specialist in civilisation and a specialist in culture, in order to give us a broad view of the government's willingness and ability to master risks, or their unwillingness or inability. This task will be undertaken with the blend of philosophical skills and geopolitical skills, by Professor Dominique Moïsi, co-founder of IFRI. Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen. Mr Beauvallet, may I give you the floor to introduce this session?