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At the time I am speaking to you, I'll actually be in Lima. So, greetings from Peru! Why Lima? Because this is where the so-called COP 20 is taking place. The COP 20 is in charge of planning the major climate conference that Paris will host in December of next year. The challenge is absolutely major and has to do with energy, which is why I've chosen this topic now. Scientists no longer have any doubt about climate disruption. If we do nothing, the temperature will rise by three or four degrees by the end of this century and six or seven degrees afterwards. This would be absolutely catastrophic for all our countries and their inhabitants. We must take action. Action is possible; greenhouse gas emissions are cut, that's where energy comes in. We must reduce our reliance on fossil fuels, save more energy and use more renewable sources. All of you know that. The solutions are within our reach, and, since you're going to talk about energy, since major energy players are here in this room, I am calling on you to fully back next year's Paris conference to make it a success. China and the United States have already shifted their positions. Europe has taken a bold stand: a green fund has already raised \$10 billion to move in the right direction. Our future is at stake. As Ban Ki-Moon so pithily says, there's no plan B because there's no planet B. And you who think about the world's great challenges, I hope you will stand by France, which will chair the COP 21 in December 2015, to fight climate disruption and lay the groundwork for a new kind of growth. Thank you.