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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Professor de Montbrial,

I am very pleased to be here to participate with you in this world policy meeting in Morocco. I was invited to participate in the first world policy meeting in Evian, France last year, and found it to be a very important event. There was active participation from the heads of state of different countries, including Mr Sarkozy, the French President, and Mr Medvedev, the Russian President.

Let me start with a real story. I was invited to North Korea in the late 1990s when I was the leader of the opposition in Mongolia. I was trying at the time to meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong-Il, and met with the Ambassador of North Korea in Ulan Bator. We were trying to find out what would be the right gift, and asked the ambassador what would be appropriate. He advised us that a Mongolian leather coat might be a good idea. We needed to know his measurements in order to make one, and the ambassador told us that this was classified information. We tried to persuade him to show us a Mongolian who more or less resembled North Korean leader in size. He found one, and we took the measurements from that person.

We now see Kim Jong-Il, a leader of North Korea, meeting with President Clinton and leaders from South Korea, so I think the world has changed a great deal. Just 10 years ago the North Korean ambassador was telling me that Kim Jong-Il's measurements were secret, but now we know what he looks like, and we hope that North Korea will be much more open, and that the world will work together with the North Koreans in overcoming their difficulties. Therefore, this world policy meeting is also about disclosing secrets, finding correct information, trying to put an end to the false judgements we have formed about others, and trying to disclose what we have tried to hide from each other. It is very necessary and important thing to do in this sense.

The world policy meeting was initiated by people with a vision for a better world, who are not happy with the situation we have today, but have great hopes that there are still opportunities. We have to use these opportunities to make the world better. This means that we have to be involved in world policy meetings and discussions, have to engage North Koreans and others to come here and discuss with us the problems they have or might have. One of the goals of the world policy meeting is to be open to others, and not only to be engaged in but to join our efforts together to



solve the problems. We know there are a lot of problems facing us and there are solutions to them if we meet at conferences like this one.

It is also very important that the world policy meeting is a place where small countries like Mongolia can be heard, because we now see that the big companies and countries cannot solve all the problems. We have to be together irrespective of the size of our countries, and work together to make the world a better place. When we engage others and participate in these meetings, everyone has an opportunity to make an effort to understand the world as it is today.

We want to see many countries in the world to have a system where presidents can lose elections, where they can not only take office but also give it back to those who win. Therefore, we are here to talk about democracy, because world policy is impossible without it.

I would like to repeat what I said last year, that democracy was a system that served minorities. Many people think that democracy serves the winners, the majorities, but I think that it serves minorities, because it gives the chance to minorities to become majorities one day. You are giving someone a chance to become the leader of a country and devote all his or her efforts to help a country to go forward. When we talk about democracy, we also have to talk about the rights of the people. There should be rights for minorities and responsibilities for majorities, otherwise the situation will be as it is in certain parts of the world, where minorities have only responsibilities and majorities have only rights. We are here to talk about how to give rights to minorities and responsibilities to majorities, because power without responsibility is very dangerous.

We are going to discuss very big issues during this second meeting, because in today's globalised world there are issues which cannot be solved by one country or even by a few countries together. We have to devote all our efforts to finding the ways to solve those big issues.

First of all, we have to discuss how to solve the issue of climate change and save our planet. This is inevitably closely linked with the issue of energy, as about 80% of greenhouse emissions derive from energy production, yet 1.6 billion people in the world lack access to electricity. It is predicted that energy production will increase by 40% by 2030. Therefore, we are here in morocco in 2009 to talk about how to find the right balance, to increase renewable energy production and to save our planet.

We have to think about these problems today, because tomorrow will be too late. That is why I am here, and I think that is why you are here. Climate change and energy production are connected with the general issue of development, so I hope that we will discuss this issue at this meeting. Every ruler, president or ordinary citizen aspires to the dream of national or personal development, but sometimes we pay a very high price for this goal, because so far we have been pursuing developmental goals that are expressed mainly in quantitative figures. We are here to discuss development in terms of improving the quality of life.

I once heard a famous person said very important words, that is it is less important to have many years in your life and it is more important to have life in your many years. Therefore, let us talk about having life in our years and quality in our development, quality in our shared efforts, in what



we produce and what we achieve. The second world policy meeting, in this sense, will have tremendous importance.

Thank you once again for the invitation and your attention.