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It's quite wonderful to be here with you tonight. It is a great honour to follow Minister Fassi-Fihri, who has been extraordinarily gracious and helpful to this new kid on the block, the new person who has been appointed in ambassador and I thank you very much, Mr. Minister.

[Break in audio].

The US is the only country that has such people, but I say that they come to this country without cynicism and without questioning the assumption that all people are entitled to the very best treatment. They are the kind of people I hope we will bring to this country, and we will do our utmost to do so. Finally, some of you wonder how often you need to have conferences. I would say that you need to have conferences very often, because only by coming together in this kind of venue and talking about these kinds of issues can we make progress in the world today. Your conference has been wonderful, according to everything I have been told, and it is a great honour to be here with you tonight. I hope to see all of you in the days ahead and make a very personal connection with each of you. I say the same thing to those of you who are not from Morocco. It is a large world, it is great to be part of it, and I thank you all for your kindness.