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It is my very great pleasure to introduce Mo Ibrahim. He is famous worldwide, and I said a few words about him earlier. Let me just remind you that he is famous for essentially two reasons. He is an extraordinarily successful businessman – point number one – and he was born in Sudan, and the second reason, which is even better than the first one, is that he has used most of his wealth to create a foundation – the Ibrahim Foundation – which defends and promotes highly noble causes. In particular, the Foundation delivers - if it is possible every year, although it is not always possible - the Ibrahim Prize to an African statesman, who after having ruled his country leaves the country in better shape than it was when he became President.

I am grateful to Mr. Ibrahim for being with us today and throughout the whole conference. The subject of the talk that he will give - and we will have questions and answers (Q&A) afterwards - is Governance and Business, which is a very rich theme.