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My name is Cécile Maisonneuve. I am the Director of the Centre for Energy at IFRI, so I will have the difficult task of moderating. We will, as Christophe said, have two parts. The first part will be about whether economies can perform with high energy costs. There will be three speakers. Each speaker will speak for about 15 minutes and then we will have a debate of about 45 minutes. Our first speaker is Maria Van der Hoeven, the Executive Director of the International Energy Agency. She has now served in that position for two years. We have asked Maria Van der Hoeven how energy policies affect competitiveness and what can be said today and looking to the future about energy as a competitive edge between the US, Europe and Asia. Maria, the floor is yours.