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Welcome to our next plenary session, which is on climate and environment. We heard on Friday that we have a maximum of five years to deal with the Middle East, and we heard yesterday that the digital world is not only moving rapidly but accelerating. We are dealing with an area today where we routinely talk about 2050 and even 2100, so this is a long-term horizon, much longer-term than many of the issues that we talk about, but we do impose deadlines on ourselves. We face one next week, in which the conference of parties of the Framework Convention on Climate Change meets with the objective, stated several years ago, of creating a new regime which will come into legal effect in 2020, and the meetings will take place in Paris. It is a big challenge to France, particularly to the outstanding French diplomatic service, to make this conference a success.

We will discuss these issues this morning. The opening of the discussion will be by the Foreign Minister of France, Mr Fabius, so we will first turn to his message and then to the panellists. We have a distinguished and highly qualified panel to discuss this issue.