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A few months ago, I was busy working in my office, and I received a phone call from the Bureau of MOFA for an urgent meeting. I went to the meeting and I found my friend Thierry, speaking about the ninth edition of the World Policy Conference with the minister. Before being contacted about this conference, I was very welcoming of this idea, due to the previous successful eight editions. This ninth edition is a meeting among world leaders, among experts and among wise people and scholars, who say that the world today is better than in the past.

After three days of deliberations, I found out that the facts, or what I have learned through these three days, were more than what I expected. We delivered openly and with transparency over the past three days, and we have benefited from the different topics. We moved from politics to economy and to social issues. We discussed long-forgotten issues such as youth issues, and young people do not get to talk to us, the older generation. We discussed very important issues, such as forgotten Africa, and I was pleased to have many Africans come together with us in this conference.

I have a first message for my friend Thierry. I discussed the issue with Mr Khalid bin Rashid El Mansouri, the ambassador of Qatar to France, on the importance of continuing this cooperation with your bureau. This is in order to continue our message as Qataris, and it is the same for your institute. Thierry, allow me to thank the interpreters during these three days, because they made huge efforts.

The last message I would like to convey is to you, Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen. We were very pleased to have you on board. Your contribution as panellists and as participants and your commitment to come every day is a source of pleasure for us. We wish you a safe trip back home, and we hope that you are carrying with you the vision and the message of the state of Qatar. This calls for a world of peace, a world that is more open, a world that is more prosperous and more just, and a world where people respect each other more.