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We have the opportunity now to have something of an outside view on the conflict and the future of the Middle East. I refer to the special representative from China who is going to speak next. Of course, China has an increasing interest in Central Asia and political and economic ties with the Middle East as well. If you could give us your view of the future, China's role, and the role of other outside powers in the Middle East.