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Thank you. It is a particular pleasure to welcome to Doha Itamar Rabinovich, an old friend, diplomat, and scholar extraordinaire, and author of a forthcoming biography of Yitzhak Rabin, which I think many of us will want to read. Itamar, as you walk us through your thoughts on the future of the Middle East, perhaps you can tell us if you have heard anything here this morning that has made you more hopeful?