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It is my great pleasure to introduce Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al-Thani, who is the Foreign Minister of Qatar. Many of you attended the Qatar meeting last year, the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition of the World Policy Conference, and thank you again Your Excellency for your hospitality last year. Of course, when we met a year ago, nobody could have expected that such a deep crisis would explode again, even though we knew that relations between Qatar and Saudi Arabia and the Emirates were not always simple. We are now in an extremely complex situation. We are going to listen to the Foreign Minister of Qatar, who will talk about the current situation and how we could hope to get out of this mess, which of course has huge implications for Qatar, but also for the Middle East in general.

Mr Minister, it is a great pleasure to listen to you again and I have the pleasure of giving you the floor now. The Minister will speak for about 10 minutes and after that, we will take a few questions to begin with a real dialogue.