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First off, Mr. Ambassador, let me introduce you by mentioning that you are a very good illustration of your country's diplomatic elite. I have been following Morocco for quite a number of years now and I must say I am very impressed. I think Morocco also has a very high-level diplomatic elite. Last night, Minister Bourita told us about Morocco's foreign policy – which was absolutely fascinating–, but a foreign policy cannot be built without diplomats and their essential quality that is diplomacy. You have this quality, having been holding various very important positions and, incidentally, the one you are currently holding is not the last: I think you're appointed and soon to take office in Beijing. Meanwhile, you are still Ambassador of Morocco for climate change, in charge of the negotiations on climate for COP22 and currently dividing your time between COP22 and COP23, that's why you have a flight later in the day. Morocco played a crucial role, especially last year at COP22, therefore no one is better placed to tell us about it from a great Africa country's point of view, namely Morocco.