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Laurent Fabius is our guest of honor for the second time. The first time, as some of you can remember, was in Monaco, I think it was in 2013. He was at the time Minister of Foreign Affairs and he was back from Africa on his way to Paris and today, as most of you know, he is “Président du Conseil constitutionnel” – President of the French Constitutional Council. Most of you know he had an exceptional political career. He was the youngest Prime Minister ever in France – he was 36, even younger than Mr. Macron when he was elected President of the Republic. Laurent, you’ve been President of the National Assembly, Minister of Defense, and so on and so forth. So, thank you very much.

Thank you Laurent for accepting to join us for the second time, I sure hope it won’t be the last. Tonight we won’t be talking about French politics or Constitutional Council issues, which you know all so well. Instead, you will be tackling environmental issues. Everyone knows the role Mr. Fabius played in the Paris Conference, the COP21, and all the efforts he has put into moving this cause forward. This task is far from being completed. Beyond the question of climate, we will talk about the environment in general. Mr. Prime Minister, Mr. President, dear Laurent, the floor is yours.