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Ladies and gentlemen, thank you very much for your attention. This is a panel on new technologies and the new geopolitics of energy. I have to make an immediate confession, what is my qualification for being here? I am not a technologist, I am not a scientist, so my only real qualification for being here is that I am, although my wife sometimes disagrees, a human being. Therefore, I do have a vested interest in what is happening to our planet and to this energy future. Also, of course, as a human being I consume energy, so I am part of the problem, and I hope this panel will be part of the solution.

It is a very distinguished panel, Friedbert Pflüger already gave a brilliant panel yesterday on rare earth resources and you also clashed, maybe clash is too strong a word, you had an interchange with Laurent Fabius at dinner last night. We have Franklin Servan-Schreiber from Switzerland, Nicolas Piau from France, and Frank Obrist, who will be our first speaker. I confess, I think you are going to be talking about hybrid solutions for energy, and I still have a car with an internal combustion engine. I hope you can persuade me that now is the time to get an electric vehicle.