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Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, please accept my apologies for my absence at the seminar of “Institut du Bosphore” to which we ascribe big significance due to my personal engagements that have obliged me to be abroad.

But I am sure that the seminar will be a success with the joint deliberations during these two days. Throughout the seminar, we had the privilege of hosting and meeting you in Istanbul. My colleagues have all listened very carefully to what our guests presented in the plenary sessions and the workshops.

At the completion of the seminar, I am happy to see that our decision to set up an institute that aims to reach the French and the European opinion-leaders, politicians, academicians and other prominent people is corroborated with the fruitful ideas discussed in our workshops and plenary sessions. We feel enriched about future prospects on the Turkish-French partnership and with the high-calibre argumentations in our theoretical baggage for our European destiny.

This week, besides our seminar, Istanbul has hosted many international meetings of the worldwide think-tanks. I believe that the concentration and shift of the academic discussions to our geography are parallel to the rise of our country in the international area as an important regional power not only in economic but also in political and diplomatic terms.

We are globally in a critical period necessitating right and internationally coordinated policies that will shape both our future destiny and our view of history. By the next seminar of our institute to be realized next year, I wish that the global financial and economic crisis will come to an end by generating growth and employment with the globally coordinated policies of economic governance.

I also wish to see Europe to solve its institutional, financial and political problems stemming from the lack of coordination and to become less introverted and more multicultural. I think that “Institut du Bosphore” as a Franco-Turkish think-tank, has a very tough but rightly chosen agenda to contribute to the global and European problems on this challenging task as the titles and the content of the previous sessions indicate.

Now, I suggest you to enjoy the beauty of Istanbul with its historical and geographical aspects in this sunny afternoon.

Thank you very much for your kind attention and valuable participation for this gathering.