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Given the hour, I will be very brief. I am going to leave substantive conclusions, of course, to you. But let me just start with a very happy happening that took place this afternoon. The EBRD has just signed its 100th project for 2018 this afternoon. It is a Green Economy Transition project – in Jordan as it happens – involving the Greater Amman Municipality Solid Waste Crisis Response. I think we should be really proud of that. While we have been here discussing that, something out there has really been going on and people have delivered. I am really proud of the team for doing that.

Three concluding thank-yous from me. First of all, thank you for all the positive feedback on the work of the staff of the Bank. I think these occasions can sometimes seem remote for those who are delivering on the ground but it is heartening for me to hear how much their work is appreciated by all of you. It is important that they know that as well, and I will make sure that message gets home.

Thank you also for your reaffirmation of confidence in the Bank as an institution with a business model that is valuable. As I said in my opening remarks, I feel that the Bank's approach is more attuned to the times than ever before and I am glad to see our shareholders take a similar view.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you particularly for your continuing interest in the work of the Bank. An engaged and informed shareholder body helps ensure that we are on the right track, so I am grateful to you all. But finally I am very grateful to our Chairman Imad Fakhoury. Thank you very much, Imad, for taking us through all of this.