

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Dear friends,

It is a great pleasure for me to welcome you today, on the occasion of this landmark anniversary, for an evening focused on friendship and generosity.

For all those who, like me, have made the fight against climate change a priority, for all those who want to take concrete action and generate maximum awareness concerning this essential cause, the Climate Group has now become a reference.

I am delighted that my Foundation is a partner and I am delighted that you have chosen Monaco to celebrate ten years of growth, success and hope here this evening.

Like all anniversaries, this event provides first and foremost the opportunity to look back at the progress made and the victories achieved.

If I had to retain just one, I think I would choose awareness of the economic potential of fighting global warming. Such awareness is quite new and the Climate Group has contributed towards it.

In ten years, we have witnessed the emergence of a new stance on the energy transition, a transition which each of us now knows is a source of growth, development and employment, as ever-increasing investments made across the globe show, including in countries that for a long time were sceptical, such as the United States and China.

This marks a radical shift, when ecology, in the eyes of many, was for so long synonymous with decline and mistrust regarding progress.

For the Climate Group, who made this issue one of its priorities, this is above all the most incredible invitation to persevere and increase its efforts.

Bringing together influential figures; promoting dialogue among civil society, politicians and business; mobilising public opinion; identifying concrete ways of moving towards a low-carbon economy: the formula of your success is an invitation for the future.

I hope that the next ten years will enable all of us to move a few steps further along the ambitious path you have chosen!

Thank you.