

Mr President,

Excellencies,

Ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to begin by thanking you from the bottom of my heart, Mr President, for your warm welcome and saying how touched I am that you were kind enough to invite me and Princess Charlene to this luncheon.

There are close ties between our two countries, which share the same concerns in terms of sustainable development and protection of our Planet.

The two days I spent at the Yeosu International Expo enabled me to appreciate your country's involvement in protecting the seas and oceans.

Furthermore, I was also able, with Princess Charlene, to understand the investment by Korean authorities to make this international exhibition such a splendid success, a symbol of your expertise.

This purpose has been fully reached and we will return home with wonderful memories of our stay in Yeosu.

I raise my glass to further strengthening the ties of friendship linking our two countries and the new impetus to our diplomatic relations built around the values we share.