

Secretary General of the United Nations,

Governor of California,

Ladies & gentlemen,

Friends,

The richness of our discussions is a testament to the prospects offered by the development of clean mobility, in particular by means of electric vehicles.

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Obviously, clean vehicles will not, in themselves, suffice to inverse the logic in which our societies are engaged. However, their arrival is, in itself, a sign of progress. Fortunately, we are also witnessing the development of other energy-efficient technologies with the potential to replace today's polluting technologies.

Although travel is an activity that emits a high level of CO₂, it is not the only culprit by any means. Alongside the problem of mobility, we need to review our buildings, housing, make our cities energy efficient, rethink industry, reinvent the way in which society is organised.

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The programme may be vast but it is one which is exhilarating for a generation that wishes to take its future into its own hands.

In this sense the vehicle is emblematic. It plays an important role in our societies, as the car directly affects a considerable number of people.

In both developed countries and most of the developing economies everyone is a decision-maker when it comes to his or her travel choices. This means that everyone can play a role, however modest, in implementing the changes that will be necessary in the future.

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Changing the way in which we travel is not just a global objective that we set ourselves at international negotiation level. It is a challenge that we can rise to by making our own contributions.

For this reason I am delighted to announce that, this morning, Steve Howard signed an MOU between the Climate group and my Foundation. This agreement opens up promising prospects that I am sure we will bring to fruition in the form of concrete initiatives.

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Ladies & Gentlemen, Friends,

The dream of non-polluting progress can become a reality.

It is up to us to usher in clean mobility - a vector of exchange and sustainable growth.

Thank you.