Good morning, good afternoon and good evening, distinguished delegates, dear colleagues and friends, ladies and gentlemen from all over the world. Great to see you again after several months and just before Christmas. My name is Michael Benaudis and once again I’m speaking to you from France and I really hope my internet connection is strong enough.

First of all, I would like to pay my highest respects to the IGF secretariat and all those who have contributed to organising the sessions and preparing for deep discussion, under this persistent COVID-19 pandemic.

73 years ago, the United Nations assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and today digital technology has created new threats to Human Rights such as data privacy and identity fraud. Fortunately, digital technology has the power to transform the world and to protect the privacy of all of us.

After nearly 10 years of research, at Internet Identity card we have developed a new and proven technology that works offline with no database, with no cookies and no tracking. This technology could change the way we communicate and the life of billions of people. Everyone is welcome to work with us on this project.

To conclude: Diversity, privacy and inclusiveness is the central core of the IGF and all of us can make the difference. All of us can bring hope, trust and freedom to billions of people.

We are all united.

Thank you very much for your attention and stay safe.

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