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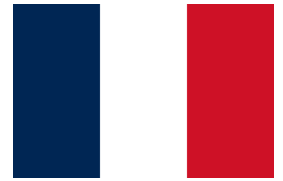
AMBASSADOR SPEECH EXAMPLE

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Dear Secretaries-General, Deputy Secretary-General, Presidents of the General Assembly, respected Presidency, most esteemed Delegates, friends, ladies and gentlemen and staff...

The French Republic is intent on creating a better future for ourselves, our children, and future generations. We come together as a global community and are focused on creating a healthier world for everyone, as well as improving the socio-economic progress of other countries. However, we must emphasize the need for preserving the political connections and cooperation among countries in order to find cohesive solutions to problems in today's world of growing anti-globalization, and intense nationalism.

Now let's ask ourselves what these problems are. In France's view, climate change is one of the most important issues and is one that has to be dealt with swiftly and efficiently. Another important problem we face, is the escalation of tensions in the Middle East. Although recently overshadowed by the Ukrainian War, these tensions remain present and pose a security threat to the global community. And lastly, we would like to emphasize the need to ensure cybersecurity in the Middle East.

As mentioned, we have created an environmental time bomb and we need to disarm it quickly. The vain and profit-driven choice to do nothing and stand in the way of action is the environmental absurdity that France regrets. Although France is already invested in initiatives, concerning sustainable transportation – a prime example being Vélib' Métropole, a public bicycle sharing system – we remain thrilled to debate and develop new solutions on the topic in UNEP.

Secondly, we are deeply concerned by the increasing tensions in the Middle East. Considering the strong historical, cultural and economic interconnections between France and many of the Middle Eastern countries, we have a major, security-based and economic interest in the stability of the region, as conflicts that concern the Middle East deeply concern us too. France's priorities have been and remain enabling humanitarian assistance to civilian populations and bringing about peaceful settlements of the conflicts.

And thirdly, as global dependence on the internet is rapidly increasing, it acts as a platform for the formulation and execution of international cyber-terrors, posing a direct threat to national and international security. As some of the Middle Eastern countries have started to recognize this threat, France has been happy to expand our collaboration to provision of cybersecurity programs and services.

We stand behind the United Nations and its sometimes unappreciated, but highly important ability to change the world we live in for the better. As the Ambassador of France, I can vouch for one thing. Our delegation is not easily intimidated. We are prepared to work hard for what we believe in, protect those who cannot protect themselves and ensure equality in our world that is in dire need of stability.

As the French proverb goes, *"Impossible n'est pas français"* – "There is no such thing as impossible", we are here to contribute towards positive change and won't let anything stand in our way.