Panel IX: Spitsbergen (Svalbard)
Panel IX Introductory Remarks: Spitsbergen (Svalbard)

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Unfortunately we are nearly out of time this afternoon. I have asked our two panelists to say what they have to say in 15 minutes apiece; and there is no time for a discussion at the end. You will have to catch them at the party that you are now being kept from. I will only say quickly by introduction that you have the two world experts on the important subject of Spitsbergen. We have a professor from the University of Oslo whose name is Geir Ulfstein and another world-famous professor in international law of the sea from the University of Dundee, Robin Churchill. They have co-authored a book on this subject; I will not even begin to give you their backgrounds. I also want to make a public apology because you have come so far and you bring such great knowledge, I am so sorry that we do not have the time that you deserve.