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REMARKS OF THE FIRST LADY
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MRS. CLINTON: -- for making this opportunity for me and for inviting all of you to take time out of your busy lives to visit with me. I am very grateful for this chance at more interchange with women.

There are so many challenges facing our countries. I am learning more every day about the challenges facing a unified Germany. And there are challenges facing us at home in America. But one thing I find as I travel around my country and now around the world is that many of the challenges women face cross all boundaries.

And one of my hopes is that we not only learn more about each other and our mutual challenges, but that we also explore ways to support one another, because it is, I believe, a dream that we all share that women are given the opportunity to make the choices that are right for their lives, and women who choose to be full-time homemakers and mothers should be respected and supported, and women who choose to be full-time in their careers and professions should be given the support and respect they have to earn in the work place, and that for most women the balance between work and family, which is difficult, should be understood and supported. And it is only when we do that that we will break down the stereotypes that affect women's lives so that individual women will have the right to make whatever choice is best for them.

In this palace named for a woman, with the statue of Fortuna on the top, I look forward to visiting and getting to know more about you individually and talking about ways we can understand and support one another better. Thank you.

(End of remarks.)

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