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I wish to convey my heartfelt thanks to the government and people of Bangladesh for their warm and generous hospitality over the past few days. I leave deeply impressed with the strength and determination of the Bangladeshi people, who are true pioneers in the fields of health care, education, economic development and population. The successes I witnessed here are models for the rest of the world -- as well as reminders of the work that remains to be done. In my future travels to other countries and around the United States, I will remember the creative and innovative solutions applied here to some of humanity's most vexing problems.

Finally, I owe special thanks to Prime Minister Zia for taking the time to exchange views on a range of issues of mutual interest to the United States and Bangladesh. The friendship between our nations remains strong, and I am confident it will become even more so in the years ahead.

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