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U.S. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

(Remarks at the Zambuko Trust--Harare--03/22/97)

I am very happy to be here with all of you and to hear some of the stories of your success. The work that Opportunities International and Zambuko has done is very impressive.

I have met with women all over the world who are doing what you are doing - women who are starting their businesses, women who are helping their husbands, women who are finally able to have their own houses, women who are sending their children to school. And I am very pleased that my country, the United States of America, wants to support the work that Zambuko is doing because we believe in the United States that it is very important that every person, particularly women in Zimbabwe, have a chance to make a good living for themselves and their families.

I am pleased to announce today, that the United States, through the United States Agency for International Development, will provide an additional U.S. \$500,000.00 to the Zambuko Trust. I am delighted that Zambuko has decided to use this grant to expand its lending program. This will result in new loans for approximately 3000 people, mostly women like yourselves. And let me add that we know that public sector government cannot and should not bear the burden alone. Every other sector of society, including businesses and non-governmental organizations, has a role to play. That's why I am very encouraged to learn of Zambuko's efforts to raise financing from the private sector in Zimbabwe, because private sector involvement is crucial to sustaining your work over the long term.

And so it gives me a great deal of pleasure to be here with my daughter and with our Ambassador and others of our party to see for myself how much you have accomplished.