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STATEMENT UPON DEPARTURE FROM FINLAND  
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In leaving, I would like to thank the government and people of Finland for their warm welcome and wonderful hospitality during my stay. My only regret was that I was here so briefly.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to meet with President Ahtisaari and other leaders of the Finnish government. I also appreciate the lively discussion I had with some of the leading women of Finland, who have much to teach the world about women's roles in civic life.

Today I return to the United States with a greater appreciation of Finland's democratic values and high quality of life, and of the beautiful design and excellent technology for which this country is known.

I hope that my visit will help strengthen the close friendship that exists between our two countries.

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