

Arrival Belfast, Ireland

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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
STATEMENT UPON ARRIVAL
BELFAST, IRELAND
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I am honored to have been invited back to Belfast. Almost two years ago, President Clinton and I were overwhelmed by the warmth of the reception here and by the yearning of the people for peace.

Much has happened since November 1995 and Americans have followed Northern Ireland's progress towards peace with intense hope and interest.

President Clinton, as you are aware, is deeply committed to supporting the Northern Ireland peace process and he has asked me to commend the hard work and courage of everyone involved.

I am looking forward to meeting with the women of Northern Ireland at the University of Ulster, where we will gather to commemorate the work of Joyce McCartan and others who have given themselves to the cause of peace. I am also looking forward to seeing Waterfront Hall, the symbol of Belfast's re-emergence as a cultural center, where I will meet with many of your young people -- the leaders of the 21st Century and the future of Northern Ireland -- at the Generation 2000 Conference.