

Arival, Russia

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TEXT: HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON ARRIVAL STATEMENT IN RUSSIA NOV. 15  
(Brings message of hope and solidarity from the U.S.) (400)

Moscow -- U.S. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton said November 15 that she had come to Russia on behalf of President Clinton "to reinforce the young but strong ties between our two countries and to see firsthand the critical role that the regions of your country are playing in advancing democratic and economic reforms.

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Following is the text of her arrival statement:

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First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton  
Russia Arrival Statement  
November 15, 1997

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Today, I will visit Yekaterinburg. There, I will visit the Bonum Center, to learn more about how our two countries are working together in partnership to provide better health care for the children of Russia. I will also attend a town hall meeting with women representing non-governmental organizations to find out more about what women are doing to take their rightful place as full participants in society. I very much look forward to seeing Yekaterinburg with one of its favorite daughters, my good friend, Naina Yeltsin.

Tomorrow, I will travel to Novosibirsk. At Akademgorodok, your world-class science institution, I will visit the famous Museum of the Institute of Archeology and Ethnography. I will then have the privilege of speaking to students about the crucial connection between education and democracy and the formation of a civil society. In addition to meeting with your regional leaders, I will also have the opportunity to visit with a family to hear the views on how they are affected by Russia's historic transformation.

Thank you.

(End text)

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