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Arrival Statement of
First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
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I am delighted to be here in Switzerland and to have this opportunity to underscore the close and enduring partnership between the United States and Switzerland. It is a particular pleasure to be able to congratulate the people of Switzerland on the 150th anniversary of their constitution.

Later today I will visit the Children's Parliament in Lucerne where I will see first-hand this unique example of Switzerland's long-standing democratic tradition. I am also looking forward to meeting President Cotti this evening in Zurich and will convey the best wishes of my husband and the American people. I am pleased that the University of Zurich has offered its beautiful and historic setting for me to speak.

On Sunday, I will also travel to Davos to take part in the World Economic Forum and its discussions on the theme of "Priorities in the 21st Century." Addressing the challenges and fulfilling the promise of a new century are vital tasks that we must face together.

I am grateful to the Swiss government and the Swiss people for extending such a warm welcome.