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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON'S REMARKS
AT THE MUSEUM INTERACTIVO MIRADOR**

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Thank you very much. I am delighted to be here, both to see this wonderful museum and also to be part of honoring these artists. It is a great personal pleasure and honor for me to be here with Mrs. Frei, whom I have come to know and admire over the last several years. She has been an advocate of so many worthy causes, particularly education for children and the arts. When she was last in Washington, last year, she and I went together to the Inter-American Development Bank to see an exhibit of beautiful examples of Chilean art. And, she also gave me a gift of Cuasimodo, so I was very pleased to be able to give the award to the winning artist. It is very important to continue these traditions of arts and crafts and to provide markets for these pieces of art, and I think that Mrs. Frei's efforts through the New Times Foundation and in cooperation with the Inter-American Development Bank, will enable these traditions to continue for many years and enable people to make good incomes for themselves and their families because of that. It is also fitting that I would have an opportunity to come to visit this very exciting and innovative museum as it is beginning what will be I am sure a very important role in the life of this country. I know how excited Mrs. Frei is and based upon my very short tour of some of the exhibits I can understand that excitement. When this museum is completed it will open up extraordinary worlds not just to children but to the adults they bring with them, and there will be a lot of learning and education that goes on here -- which is of course the most important investment that any of our countries can make in the future.

So I want to congratulate all of you who have worked to bring this museum to reality and particularly to congratulate Mrs. Frei for her continuing commitment to education and children. And it is I think all of our hopes that as the leaders from around our hemisphere gather here in Santiago for the Second Summit of the Americas that they will carry out with very practical suggestions the theme of this Summit, which is Preparing the Americas for the Twenty-First Century. There are no more important challenges than how we will educate all of our people and there is no better example than this museum of how we will use the new technologies and ideas of the Twenty First Century to do just that.

Thank you very much and I look forward to returning when the museum is complete.
