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Warm greetings to everyone gathered in Rochester, New York, for the 23rd annual convention of the American-Romanian Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Today is a time of extraordinary opportunity for the peoples of the world as old barriers fall and a new and truly global community emerges. As we stand on the threshold of a new century, it is more important than ever that we become aware of one another's hopes and values, for it is through such understanding that we can best promote lasting peace and prosperity around the world.

I am pleased that all of you have gathered to explore the cultural and scientific issues that are shaping the world of tomorrow. As you meet to discuss mutual interests and to share your expertise, I commend you for working to build a brighter future for us all.

Best wishes for a productive and enjoyable convention.

*Bill Clinton*