

Thank you very much, Mr. Simurdic, thank you very much to the European Movement, to the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, colleagues and friends. It is truly an honor for me to be able to sit at the table with people who bring this country into Europe, because I am not an European. I come from the country deeply affected by the format of the European experience.

What Deputy Minister said earlier about the direction of politics here and what happened in 2008, that this country in a sense rounded the corner and in the future there will no longer be a question of forward the backward, in future elections there will only be a question of Europe or Europe. I find that to be true, and as the American watching this process, I can only say that we are here to help, which ever vision of Europe, which ever vision of European Serbia we find, we want to support it.

US policy is based essentially, not only for Serbia, but for the whole Balkan region on accession to the European Union. And more than the institutional efforts important as they are, not only the economic questions of the integration or the political question of institutions building, but in fact in the change of the attitudes, that will be present in this part of the world, and the contribution it makes to Europe. We hope only that we can give some American practicality to the theoretical greatness of the European project. We support your efforts to do this, not only again in the institutions we support, your Parliament, your courts, your police, your military, those institutions will make you a great European country. But we hope also to contribute as much as we can and help you in the changing of the attitudes than being part of European family. The growth and the cultivation of a sense of solidarity for others, solidarity within your society, but solidarity for those who are not in Serbia, solidarity and contribution to make not only life better for Serbs, but for Serbs to make life better for Europeans, to create a sense of self-respect in this country that won't be focused on past, but does actually lead to the vision of the future.

And once again to emphasize that Serbia is not alone, not only Serbia is not alone in the Europe, but Serbia is not alone in the world, and I have never been as optimistic in meeting Serbian people, during my time in this country, more optimistic of their readiness and their commitment to guide the Government, as the Government moves in this direction toward Europe. And to the leaders of this country I envy your choice and your chances to harness this. It's truly an exciting time, difficult as it is and you can always look to us for the support.

I am sometimes asked, what the American policy toward Serbia is, and at this point American policy toward Serbia is Serbia in a Balkans and the Balkans in the Europe. But I look forward to a time when that's not our policy, I look forward to a time when the object of what we have as a policy is a common policy with our Serbian friends, where Serbia as her strong European partners helping to work with us to form a common global policy, to focus on those things that are greater not only than Serbia, greater not only then Europe, but truly global issues that we can work on together. And that is the question that starts with those concrete efforts at borders, with passports, with economic reform, but then I hope it will blossom into a partnership where we have honor to have our Serbian friends making policy for the future with us for the world. So, thank you very much for this opportunity and I look forward to hearing what we all have to say.