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REMARKS OF THE VICE PRESIDENT  
AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE  
WORLD WILDLIFE FUND'S GETTY PRIZE  
FOR CONSERVATION

This is a doubly enjoyable event for me. My own association with Latin America is long, warm and deep.

My family's involvement in the cause of world conservation goes back even further. Therefore, it is deeply satisfying for me to present this scroll representing the first J. Paul Getty \$50,000 Wildlife Conservation Prize; to one of the World's leading conservationists; Mr. Felipe Benavides, of Peru.

I also want to acknowledge at this time the fine work of the World Wildlife Fund, which has been called the United Nations of Conservation. And I want to recognize the worthy efforts of the World Wildlife Fund of the United States, through whom Mr. J. Paul Getty donated this award.

Mr. Benavides, you have been a driving force in establishing conservation laws and in helping to create animal reserves and parks in Peru. You have demonstrated leadership of the highest order. And it is most appropriate that you have been awarded this important prize.

I can perhaps express my sentiments best in your native language: Vivan las bellezas naturales de America Latina. Y Vivan las mujeres y hombres que han dedicado sus vidas para conservarlas. (Long live the natural beauty of Latin America. And long live the men and women who dedicate their lives to its preservation.)

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