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PRESIDENT OF CHILE (2006-2010)**

“...We are a cohesive country around common values. The Chilean Society moves forward by leaps and bounds towards a culture that is increasingly tolerant, egalitarian and democratic. In Chile we have opened the economy and have maintained a steady pace within the rise in value together with a persistent fiscal discipline. However, we knew that marketing policies were not enough to resolve important inequalities that have an effect in our societies. In its history, Chile has lived an extremely positive long phase in democracy and within this ambit my government will be pleased to have a balanced foreign policy. Chile is living a new global reality and we share the same values and objectives in our foreign policies with Latin America as well as with Europe and the USA and other countries with whom we have similar ideas, and no doubt with Asia/Pacific too.

We have a well-defined international agenda and we are in an excellent position to discuss with shared views, global and balanced world affairs...”

Extracted from a speech of Her Excellency Dr Michelle Bachelet to the Congress of the Argentine Republic. Buenos Aires, 22nd March 2006.