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### **CLUB DE MADRID PRESENTS BILL CLINTON WITH ITS DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP AWARD**

**October 19, 2011, New York City, USA** – Former United States President Bill Clinton will receive the Club de Madrid's *Democratic Leadership Award* this November 9<sup>th</sup>. This will happen during the Gala Diner that the Club de Madrid, sponsored by Telefónica, has organized in New York as a closing to the Club de Madrid's X Anniversary celebrations.

The prize recognizes a leader's firm commitment to the consolidation of democratic values, human rights and good governance, and the promotion of sustainable, socio-economic development through democratic means, all of which represent the core values of the Club de Madrid.

The President of the Club de Madrid and former Prime Minister of the Netherlands, Wim Kok, highlighted Clinton as "an example of a single life dedicated to public service. Beyond the great labour as president of the United States, it has been in past ten years when his leadership and democratic commitment to global issues such as poverty, climate change, the unequal access to health care and economic opportunity worldwide have become more evident."

The Club de Madrid is the world's largest forum of former Presidents and Prime Ministers, composed of 80 Members from 56 countries united to promote democratic governance and give support in situations of crisis and post-crisis. Last April 6<sup>th</sup> the Club de Madrid's Board of Directors approved the presentation of this edition of the award to its Honorary President. Bill Clinton will be the second world leader awarded with this prize, which was presented in its inaugural edition in 2008 to the historical democratic referent Nelson Mandela.

At the Gala Dinner on November 9<sup>th</sup>, to be held in the heart of Manhattan, in the New York Public Library, leading Members of the Club de Madrid will participate, all of them former Presidents and Prime Ministers, including **Kim Campbell** (Prime Minister of Canada, 1993), **Joaquim Chissano** (President of Mozambique, 1986-2005), **Vicente Fox** (President of Mexico, 2000-2006), **Lee Hong-Koo** (Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea, 1994-1995), **Lionel Jospin** (Prime Minister of France, 1997-2002), **John Kufuor** (President of Ghana, 2001-2009), **Chandrika Kumaratunga** (President of Sri Lanka, 1994-2005), **Ricardo Lagos** (President of

Chile, 2000-2006), **Mary Robinson** (President of Ireland, 1990-1997) and **Jennifer Mary Shipley** (Prime Minister of New Zealand, 1997-1999), among others.

For more information, please visit [www.clubmadrid.org/2011conference](http://www.clubmadrid.org/2011conference).

We will be sending soon more details with the press activities.

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#### **About Club de Madrid**

The Club de Madrid is an independent non-profit organization composed of 80 democratic former Presidents and Prime Ministers from 56 different countries, constituting the world's largest forum of former Heads of State and Government, who have come together to respond to a growing demand for support among leaders in two key areas: democratic leadership and governance; and response to crisis and post-crisis situations. Both lines of work share the common goal of addressing the challenge of democratic governance and political conflict as well as that of building functional and inclusive societies, where the leadership experience of our Members is most valuable.

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