



## **Prime Minister Harper's remarks in Mexico**

Chichen Itza, Mexico – March 30, 2006 – 10:30 AM – 3 minutes

VICENTE FOX (President of Mexico): (speaking in Spanish) Bienvenidos a Mexico.

GEORGE BUSH (President of the United States): Gracias, señor.

Gracias. Mister president, thank you very much for your hospitality. This is a good start to a very important series of discussions. It is an honour to be here with the Prime Minister of Canada as well. We've got vital relations that will matter to the future of our people, and I look forward to the discussions. And I want to thank you for letting us begin our very important meetings at this very significant historical site. And I congratulate our guide, and I want to thank those who have worked hard to make sure this important part of history is accessible and is available for people to understand the past so we can better understand the future. So Mister

President, thank you for having us.

STEPHEN HARPER (Prime Minister of Canada): Merci aussi, monsieur le président pour le bienvenue. Nous sommes dans un endroit historique. On a un symbole ici de nos déterminations de bâtir un nouvel avenir pour tous les habitants de l'Amérique du Nord. Je suis honoré d'être ici avec le président Fox et le président Bush. Et j'attends avec impatience nos discussions. And I can repeat the same thing quickly. You don't mind? Forgive me. That's how we speak Spanish in the north. Wonderful to be here. Thank you for the welcome, President Fox. We, I think we stand here in front of an historic site, a symbol here of our determination to build a new future for all the inhabitants of North America, and I am honoured to be with President Bush and President Fox and look forward to our discussion.

FOX: Gracias, señor.

UNIDENTIFIED MAN: Can I get a group photo with the castle in the background.

UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: Any interesting discussions, Mister Harper, on the helicopter?

UNIDENTIFIED MAN: Just a group photo with the castle in the background.

UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: Mister Harper?

BUSH: Come on, you get in the middle.

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