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Cena de gala celebrada esta madrugada en la capital norteamericana

Palabras de Aznar en Washington en la entrega de premios del Consejo Atlántico de EEUU a Blair y Murdoch

En el acto, en el que han participado numerosas personalidades internacionales, también ha sido galardonado el responsable de los Jefes del Estado Mayor norteamericano, Mike Mullen

Aznar forma parte del Comité Asesor Internacional del Consejo Atlántico desde 2007, una asociación privada encargada de promover la construcción del liderazgo en política exterior

Washington.-22.04.08.- El presidente de la Fundación para el Análisis y los Estudios Sociales (FAES), José María Aznar, ha participado esta madrugada en Washington, junto a su esposa, Ana Botella, en la gala anual de entrega de premios 2008 del Consejo Atlántico de Estados Unidos. El Consejo Atlántico es una asociación privada encargada de promover la construcción del liderazgo y el compromiso en asuntos de política exterior, basándose en el papel central de la comunidad atlántica en el marco del panorama internacional del siglo XXI.

La edición 2008 de entrega de premios del Consejo Atlántico ha galardonado al ex primer ministro británico Tony Blair, por su liderazgo internacional; al presidente de News Corporation, Rupert Murdoch, por su liderazgo empresarial; y al almirante Mike Mullen, por su liderazgo militar.

El Consejo Atlántico de Estados Unidos tiene entre sus objetivos el fomento del diálogo y la discusión acerca de asuntos de interés mundial de máxima importancia. Fred Kempe, quien

ha ocupado varios cargos de responsabilidad en *The Wall Street Journal*, es el director de esta institución, con sede en Washington.

A comienzos de 2007, José María Aznar aceptó la invitación para formar parte del Comité Asesor Internacional del Consejo Atlántico. Junto a él también se incorporaron Alexander Kwasniewski; Thomas Enders, presidente de EADS (European Aeronautic Defence and Space Company); el presidente de Deutsche Bank, Josef Ackermann; y Zbigniew Brzezinski, ex asesor del ex presidente de Estados Unidos Jimmy Carter, entre otros.

Se reproducen las palabras de Aznar al presentar a Tony Blair:

It is a pleasure for me to be here to introduce one of the greatest world leaders and above all a wonderful person. When we first met, it seemed unlikely that we would become friends.

Officially, he was a long life leftist. All my life I've been a conservative. He was outspoken. I was known for being shy and reserved. He once attempted to find fame as a rock star. My musical skills have a lot of room for improvement. But against all odds we have developed a real friendship throughout the years.

We soon realised that we shared the same values. That we had a similar vision of the world. That we believed in the importance of remaining true to your word.

We have shared moments of hope and moments of uncertainty. We always acted according to what we believed was right, true to our conscience and responsibilities.

The person I am here to introduce has never lost his sense of humour and optimism. And we have gone through difficult moments.

The best comment you can make about his ten years in office is that when he stepped down, his country was in a much healthier situation.

He modernised his own political party, preparing it to face the challenges ahead. He revamped the economy. He worked successfully for his vision of Europe. Dynamic and open, loyal to the real bond that unites us across the Atlantic: democracy, individual freedom, human rights and the rule of law. We shared an idea of Europe.

A free Europe, with an open economy, willing and able to take on responsibilities with its Atlantic friends. And he joined his allies to defend those values. I've always admired his dedication and hardwork. Whilst in office, he did something that had not been seen for the last 200 years- he found time to increase his family. Something that his colleagues around the world witnessed with great admiration.

Nonetheless, I must say that something was running in his favour. He is married to a woman of character, intelligent, courageous and devoted to her family. That might be one of the only two obvious things that we have in common.

The second one being that we belong to a very exclusive club- the one integrated by those who stepped down from power voluntarily.

Now he has been given the difficult task of representing the International Community in its effort to secure peace in the Middle East. I could not think of a more suitable person for the job. I am sure that he believes, that freedom is for everyone and

that peace should be built upon the basis of respect for human rights and mutual tolerance.

And, as Pope Benedict Sixteenth has recently reminded us here in Washington, he believes that “freedom is ever new. It is a challenge held out to each generation, and it must constantly be won over for the cause of good”.

The person I am talking about will also be devoting his future work to promote the understanding amongst major faiths—a real challenge in today’s world in which freedom, democracy and tolerance will only prevail if we win the battle of global values and ideas.

Therefore, on behalf of the Atlantic Council it is a great honour for me to introduce you to my good and unlikely friend, the former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom: Mr Tony Blair

*****NOTA PARA LOS MEDIOS*****

Aznar, que participa, hoy martes, 22 de abril, en otra jornada del segundo encuentro anual del Consejo Internacional del Consejo Atlantico de Estados Unidos, va a mantener reuniones con las siguientes personalidades:

GLOBAL RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES DIALOGUE

PROGRAM

April 22, 2008

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Atlantic Council of the United States Conference Room

The Honorable Henry M. Paulson, United States Secretary of Treasury (confirmed)

THE NEXT U.S. PRESIDENT’S GLOBAL AGENDA

The Atlantic Council of the United States Conference Room

Dr. Henry Kissinger, former U.S. Secretary of State and National Security Adviser to Presidents

Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford (confirmed)

NEW THREATS AND GLOBAL SECURITY CHALLENGES

The Atlantic Council of the United States Conference Room

Vice Admiral Michael McConnell (Retired), Director of National Intelligence (confirmed)

The Atlantic Council of the United States Conference Room

AMERICA VOTES: THE WORLD IN 2008 AND BEYOND:

Senator Barack Obama's Foreign and Security Policies

Dr. Susan E. Rice, Senior Adviser to Senator Barack Obama's Campaign, former Assistant

Secretary of State for African Affairs (confirmed)

SHIFTING GEOPOLITICS OF GLOBAL SECURITY

The Atlantic Council of the United States Conference Room

Admiral Michael Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (confirmed 12:15pm-1:15pm)

The Honorable Robert M. Gates, United States Secretary of Defense (confirmed: 1:15pm-2:15pm)

Discussion led by **Lt Gen. Brent Scowcroft (Retired)**, National Security Adviser to Presidents

Gerald Ford and George H. W. Bush (confirmed)

NEW GLOBAL ECONOMIC CHALLENGES

The Atlantic Council of the United States Conference Room

Mr. Robert Zoellick, President of The World Bank and former United States Trade

Representative (confirmed)

The Atlantic Council of the United States Conference Room

AMERICA VOTES: THE WORLD IN 2008 AND BEYOND:

Senator John McCain's Economic, Foreign, and Security Policies

Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC), General Co-Chairman of John McCain 2008 (confirmed)

Dr. Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin, Senior Economic Adviser to John McCain's Campaign; former Director of Congressional Budget Office and former Chief Economist for President G. W. Bush's Council of Economic Advisors (confirmed)

OPPORTUNITIES AND CRISES

The Atlantic Council of the United States Conference Room

General Colin Powell (Retired), former U.S. Secretary of State, National Security Advisor to President Ronald Reagan and Chairman, JCS (confirmed)

GLOBAL GEOPOLITICAL ROUNDTABLE

Discussion opened by **Gen. Brent Scowcroft**, National Security Adviser to Presidents Gerald Ford and George H. W. Bush and led by **Mr. Fred Kempe**, President and CEO, the Atlantic Council of the United States (confirmed).

Opening remarks by:

Amb. R. Nicholas Burns, outgoing United States Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs (confirmed)

Followed by:

President Jose Maria Aznar, former President of Spain, President, Foundation for Social Analysis and Study (confirmed)

President Aleksander Kwasniewski, former President of Poland (confirmed)

En la actualidad, el Comité Asesor Internacional de Estados Unidos lo integran:

General Brent Scowcroft, *National Security Adviser to Presidents Gerald Ford and George H. W. Bush President and Founder of the Scowcroft Group*

Mr. Frederick Kempe
President and CEO, The Atlantic Council of the United States

Members:

Dr. Josef Ackermann, *Chief Executive Officer, Deutsche Bank AG*

Mr. Jose Maria Aznar, *former Prime Minister of Spain*
President, Foundation for Social Analysis and Study

Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski, *National Security Advisor to President Jimmy Carter*
Counselor and Trustee, Center for Strategic and International Studies

Amb. Henry E. Catto
Chairman of the Board, The Atlantic Council of the United States

Mr. Victor L. L. Chu, *Chairman, First Eastern Investment Group*

Mr. Richard Edelman, *President and CEO, Edelman*

Dr. Thomas Enders, *Chief Executive Officer, EADS N.V.*

Ms. Orit Gadiesh, *Chairman of the Board, Bain & Company Inc.*

Dr. Ashraf Ghani, *former Afghanistan's Finance Minister,*
Chancellor of Kabul University

Mr. Francisco Gonzalez, *Chairman and CEO, BBVA*

Dr. James Goodnight, *Chief Executive Officer, SAS*

Sir Fred Goodwin, *Group Chief Executive, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group*

Mr. Aleksander Kwasniewski, *former President of Poland*

Mr. Alexei A. Mordashov, *General Director, Severstal*

The Rt. Hon. Lord Robertson of Port Ellen, *former Secretary General of NATO*
Deputy Chairman, Cable and Wireless PLC

Ms. Patricia F. Russo, *Chief Executive Officer, Alcatel-Lucent*

Ms. Marjorie Scardino, *Chief Executive, Pearson PLC*

Mr. Robert J. Stevens, *Chairman, President and CEO, Lockheed Martin*

Sir Martin Sorrell, *Group Chief Executive, WPP Group PLC*

Dr. Lawrence H. Summers, *former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury*
Charles W. Eliot University Professor of Harvard University Kennedy School of Government

Dr. Gunter Thielen, *Chairman of the Executive Board and CEO, Bertelsmann AG*

Mr. Ruben Vardanian, *Chairman of the Board of Directors and CEO, Troika Dialog*

Dr. Daniel Vasella, *Chairman and CEO, Novartis International AG*

Mr. Jacob Wallenberg, *Chairman, Investor AB*

Ex-Officio:

Jean Lemierre
President, The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

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