

**Message from President Mikhail Gorbachev**  
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I would like to convey my greetings to the participants in the conference commemorating the events of 1989, the year that became a turning point in ending the Cold War. The fact that you are meeting at the Reagan Library is meaningful and has a profound symbolic importance. President Reagan was our main partner in the difficult work of overcoming the confrontation between Russia and America, the East and the West. It is that work that has earned Ronald Reagan a well-deserved place of honor among the great American presidents.

As years go by, I see more fully the historic role of Ronald Reagan. He showed truly great political and human qualities as a representative of the American people. In the coming years, America will continue to bear the burden of great responsibility in world affairs. The potential of American leadership is far from exhausted. However, its leadership will have to be exercised through partnership with other nations. During the years of Ronald Reagan's presidency, our two nations became partners in ridding the world from fear. History will remember it.