

## **US SECRETARY OF STATE HILLARY CLINTON AND BRAZILIAN PRESIDENT LUIZ INACIO LULA DA SILVA VISIT CHILE TO SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH THE CHILEAN PEOPLE**

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton arrived in Santiago today (Tuesday March 2, 2010) and met Chilean President Michelle Bachelet to discuss how the U.S. can assist Chile's relief efforts with communications and basic supplies. She also met President-elect Sebastian Piñera at the Santiago's airport.

Secretary Clinton donated 25 satellite phones and provided a technician to set them up to help authorities communicate with areas badly affected by the earthquake. She declared that the U.S. will provide additional aid and is working with Chilean authorities to fulfill their request for a field hospital, dialysis machines, portable bridges and water purification systems, Clinton said.

Yesterday, Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva also met with President Michelle Bachelet in Santiago and declared that Brazil will do all it can to assist Chile in this time of need. President Lula became the first foreign leader to visit quake-hit Chile.