

is of itself a positive result in so far as it can be of influence in reducing tensions between the two superpowers. The decisions taken at the NATO meeting in Brussels last December were particularly significant in furthering the purposes of the initiative. The tone of rhetoric between East and West has moderated and has favoured a broader political contact between East and West. The President expressed his full support for the Prime Minister's peace initiative.

26. Both leaders agreed that it is necessary to adopt measures to limit the production and transfer of conventional arms and to eliminate nuclear weapons. They agreed that the recent increase in global tensions has made it even more imperative to achieve concrete steps towards ending the arms race and to promoting general and complete disarmament.

27. The Prime Minister and the President expressed their unconditional support for the United Nations and for the principles of the Charter. The importance of the United Nations as the principal forum for multilateral debate is evident and they emphasized that its purpose and the need to fulfill its fundamental responsibilities for the promotion of international peace and security has never been greater. They recognized that the strength of the United Nations will depend on the support offered by the member states and called for the strengthening of its ability to promote international peace even though this requires certain states to modify positions.

28. Both leaders endorsed the activities of UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar in his efforts to strengthen the UN's capacity to respond effectively to international crises.