

*to the following issues:*

- a) continuation of the SALT process;*
- b) conclusion of a multilateral Comprehensive Test Ban treaty;*
- c) conclusion of an agreement on the prohibition of chemical weapons and on their destruction;*
- d) the evolution of an effective non-proliferation regime based on the Non-Proliferation Treaty; and*
- e) the promotion of concrete measures to limit and reduce conventional forces."*

If UNSSOD II can lead to a resolution of these five issues, it will have taken a giant step forward in the cause of disarmament. But will the whole effort be jeopardized by seemingly distant events — by another Afghanistan or another war in the Middle East? Or will we find that just as SALT I was negotiated while war raged in Vietnam, the world is determined to move in the direction of peace and good will, with appropriate safeguards and verification? Will we find ourselves hostages to a fortune over which we have no control? Or masters of our fate to greater extent than we ever dreamed?