

- (4) the need to implement with vigour decisions taken at the Stockholm Environmental Conference and the World Food Conference;
- (5) the need to make progress at the Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference and the next special session of the General Assembly on development.

These needs are all challenges, Lord Mayor, but they should not be regarded as the gloomy prospect of avoiding Doomsday. Properly met, they can be joyous opportunities, permitting the introduction into the world of a dynamic equilibrium between man and nature, between man and man. The challenge is a challenge of sharing -- food, technology, resources, scientific knowledge. None need do without if all will become good stewards of what we have. And, to ensure that, we must concentrate not so much on what we possess but on what we are and what we are capable of becoming.

What I dare to believe is that men and women everywhere will come to understand that no individual, no government, no nation is capable of living in isolation, or of pursuing policies inconsistent with the interests -- both present and future -- of others. That self-respect is not self-perpetuating but depends for its existence on access to social justice. That each of us must do all in his power to extend to all persons an equal measure of human dignity -- to ensure through his efforts that hope and faith in the future are not reserved for a minority of the world's population, but are available to all.

This responsibility rests on each one of us. It is not transferable. Its discharge is not conditional upon the acts or the omissions of others. It demands that we care, that we share, that we be honest.

In this "global village" we are all accountable.

None of us can escape the burden of our responsibility. None of us can escape the tragedy of any failure. Nor, happily, will anyone escape the benefit, the joy, the satisfaction -- the freedom -- that will accompany the discharge of that responsibility.

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