

2. Strengthening co-operation on global issues

a) United Nations

They will coordinate their efforts to resolve the financial crisis of the United Nations and consult on reform of the UN system.

Wherever possible, they will coordinate more closely their positions in all appropriate UN bodies, including specialised agencies and subsidiary organs of the UN, in the spirit of transatlantic relations.

b) Global security, disarmament and non-proliferation

They will co-operate to achieve further progress on disarmament measures and will co-ordinate their efforts to prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons by working towards the implementation of the CTBT and promoting and strengthening of, and universal adherence to, the NPT, the early and effective implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention and the conclusion of a verification regime for the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention. They will promote efforts to negotiate a convention to ban the production of fissile material for weapons purposes and will co-operate within the G-7/P-8 on the safe and effective management of weapons fissile material designated as no longer required for defence purposes. They will work to promote greater restraint and transparency in conventional arms transfers and co-operate to promote the further strengthening of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons and the elimination of the irresponsible use of anti-personnel mines.

c) Human rights and democracy

They will:

- consult bilaterally and within the framework and the relevant bodies of the UN, especially the UN Commission on Human Rights, on human rights issues in general and particularly on measures to apply to countries where human rights are being violated;