

a great need of peace in order to accelerate its development. For this reason, Ivory Coast is dedicated to the pursuit of three major foreign policy objectives:

- (a) peace within each country, since internal conflict invariably invites intervention by foreign powers;
- (b) peace among all African nations, again to avoid the outside intervention which might otherwise be triggered;
- (c) finally, peace between Africa and other continents, which is an essential prerequisite of international political stability.

The Ivorian authorities, in conformity with the general policy of dialogue enunciated by Mr. Houphouet-Boigny, believe that economic relations could be organized so as to avoid the catastrophe that would inevitably ensue from an uncoordinated scramble by the states of the world to enhance their own economic interests. Thus, they have recognized that international co-operation was absolutely necessary. Since industrialized countries could not be expected to vacate overnight the fields they occupied, it was stressed that a new international division of labour would have to be negotiated. The Ivorians, like my other African hosts, cited as a useful precedent in this respect the Lomé Convention recently concluded between countries of Africa, the Pacific and the