

*relevance to our joint enterprise. Nor would any of us suggest they have no connections with the East-West relationship. The maintenance and improvement of that relationship is a necessary prerequisite to the co-operative effort and application of resources necessary to tackle those global problems.*

*Twenty-five years following its birth, the Atlantic Alliance has proved beyond question its value and its organic strength. The proof, as we well know, has not always been readily accepted. Democratic societies are not willing without demonstrated need to dedicate precious resources to defence. Had this association not remained true to the concerns of its peoples, it would have forfeited both its vitality and its will. That lesson must not be forgotten in the next 25 years. We*