

No doubt those directions and steps will be the substance of your considerations throughout this conference. I wish you well in those discussions, if for no other reason than that all of us must sharpen our comprehension of the complex issues that surround international development, and heighten the sensitivity of people everywhere -- but particularly in the industrialized countries -- to the urgent need to make a beginning. We must convince our own societies that there are no longer far-off lands, but that, in the words of Edmund Burke, "Whenever our neighbour's house is on fire, it cannot be amiss for the engines to play a little on our own."