

disservice, if we regarded this process as an adversary one. We should be foolish as well, for solutions are not beyond our reach.

The human community is a complex organism linked again and again within itself, and as well with the biosphere upon which it is totally dependent for life. This interdependency demands of us two functions: first, the maintenance of an equilibrium among all our activities, whatever their nature; second, an equitable distribution, world-wide, of resources and opportunities.

The proper discharge of those functions calls for more than tinkering with the present system. The processes required must be global in scope and universal in application. In their magnitude, if not in their conception, they must be new. Of their need none can doubt.

We know in our hearts what has to be done, even if we have not yet found in our minds the way it can be done.

Let us begin the search, and let us do so with boldness and with excitement, not with hesitancy and uncertainty. The past quarter-century of increased political independence, increased industrial development, increased commercial trade, and increased affluence was not the product of timid men. Nor will be the accomplishments of the forthcoming period of total interdependence.

The key, as in all accomplishments of worth, lies within the scope of individual men and women. It is found in their attitudes toward others. The role of leadership today is to encourage the embrace of a global ethic. An ethic that abhors the present imbalance in the basic human condition -- an imbalance in access to health care, to a nutritious diet, to shelter, to education. An ethic that extends to all men, to all space, and through all time. An ethic that is based on confidence in one's fellow man. Confidence that, with imagination and discipline, the operation of the present world economic structure can be revised to reflect more accurately the needs of today and tomorrow. Confidence that those factors that have the effect of discriminating against the developing countries can be removed from the world's trading and monetary systems. Confidence that we can create a trading order that is truly universal and not confined to or favouring groups defined along geographic or linguistic or ideological or religious or any other lines. Confidence that access to liquidity for trade and for development will not be restricted by factors other than those accepted by all as necessary in order to contribute to the health of the entire world system.