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the immediate adoption of a number of specific nuclear disarmament measures for which, as was seen in Reykjavik, only political will is required. In this connection I can do no better than quote three of the paragraphs of the joint statement, the full text of which has been distributed today with the symbol CD/758. These paragraphs read as follows:

"Disarmament negotiations are now at a crucial point. There is a real possibility for an agreement in at least one important area. A breakthrough on the issue of nuclear arms in Europe appears to be within reach.

"An agreement to eliminate all intermediate nuclear forces from Europe would be of considerable significance and would constitute the crossing of an important psychological threshold, since, for the first time, it would lead to mutual withdrawal and destruction of fully operational nuclear weapon systems. We, therefore, urge the United States and the Soviet Union to conduct their current negotiations with a view to bringing them to a successful conclusion during 1987.

"However, an agreement on intermediate nuclear forces would be only the first step towards our common goal: the total elimination of nuclear weapons everywhere. In the Delhi and Mexico Declarations, we had called for two important measures -- a halting of all nuclear testing and the prevention of an arms race in outer space. We reiterate the crucial importance of these measures."