

force against those who provide help to the population.

5. Korea

We welcome the progress achieved in the dialogue between North and South Korea. It gives us reason to hope for a further reduction of tension.

We are concerned about North Korea's suspected nuclear weapons programme. The IAEA Safeguards Agreement must be fully implemented and an effective bilateral inspection regime must be put into practice.

6. China

The recent developments towards economic reform in the People's Republic of China are encouraging. We also want to see China making greater efforts towards political reform. The situation with regard to human rights calls for considerable further improvement. We welcome China's accession to the Non-Proliferation Treaty and her application of the guidelines and parameters of the Missile Technology Control Regime. We hope that China will play a more constructive role in the international sphere.

7. The Mediterranean

We consider it necessary to devote more attention to developments in the Mediterranean. Our aim must be to launch joint efforts to enable the countries concerned to develop in a way that will both maintain peace and security and at the same time promote understanding of the principles of democracy and ensure greater respect for human rights.

We support the recent efforts of the Secretary General of the United Nations to find a solution to the Cyprus conflict. We call on all sides to cooperate with the Secretary General to seize the present opportunity to negotiate a settlement to this long-standing and tragic problem along the lines of Security Council resolution 750.

8. Africa

In Africa respect for basic human rights, political pluralism and market economy systems are gaining ground. We will continue to support this process of political and economic reform.

Substantial progress towards the complete dismantling of apartheid in South Africa has been interrupted by another instance of brutal violence. We call on all sides to resume negotiations as soon as possible and make greater efforts to prevent violence. We appeal to all parties concerned to continue through negotiations on the path to democracy devoid of racial barriers. Sustainable economic growth is essential for an enduring solution of South Africa's problems.

The situation in the Horn of Africa is still alarming. Ethnic strife in Ethiopia continues even after the controversial elections.

The ending of anarchy, chaos, violence and hunger in Somalia still depends on the willingness of numerous local groupings to allow the United Nations, the International Committee of the Red Cross and other organizations to bring in food and medical supplies for the people. We welcome and support the UN peace mission for Somalia, UNOSOM.

9. Latin America

We appreciate the progress achieved in consolidating democracy and market economy structures in Latin America.

In this connection we welcome the efforts of the OAS — including sanctions — to secure Haiti's return to constitutional order.

We also look forward to Peru's return to constitutional order.

We welcome the signing of the peace agreement for El Salvador and the efforts of both parties to implement it quickly.

We encourage efforts in other countries of the region to settle ongoing conflicts.

There is growing recognition in the region that the mastering of global challenges such as environmental protection and drug trafficking, calls for close international cooperation. We are prepared to participate in and support cooperation in the region. The growing links between terrorist organizations and drug traffickers fill us with concern.