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#### ACHIEVING A DURABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH

Recent developments in the global economic situation indicate significant progress has been made since our meeting a year ago. Following the serious recession of 1982, accompanied by the debt crisis in several major developing countries, our collective efforts succeeded in stabilizing the situation last year and have set the stage for a recovery in the world economy.

I am encouraged by the economic prospects for this year. We have set our economies on a course towards durable growth with little indication of a resurgence of inflationary pressures. The combination of renewed economic growth and the substantial decline in inflation rates since 1982 is particularly welcome. It confirms the view that inflation hinders growth and that there can be no trade-off in efforts to improve economic performance and to lower inflation.