

TRANSACTIONS, AND ALSO OUTLINED SPECIFIC RULES OF CONDUCT FOR BUSINESS ENTERPRISES. THIS POSITIVE APPROACH BY THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY HAS PROVIDED AN IMPETUS TO THE EFFORTS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY TO DRAFT AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT AND HAS ALSO HELPED FOCUS THOSE EFFORTS.

THIS IS THE KIND OF PRAGMATIC APPROACH DEMANDED OF US BY OUR CHANGING WORLD. IT NOT ONLY PAYS DIVIDENDS TO YOU, IT MAKES OUR JOB EASIER AND PERMITS US TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE. AND THAT, I THINK, BRINGS ME BACK TO WHERE I CAME IN. THE WORLD IS NO LONGER A SIMPLE PLACE, IF EVER IT WAS, AND THE NEED FOR MUTUAL REINFORCEMENT IS GREATER THAN EVER. THERE ARE CERTAIN POLITICAL REALITIES TO WHICH WE MUST RESPOND; YOU ARE JUDGED BY THE FIGURE ON THE BOTTOM LINE OF YOUR BALANCE SHEET. GOVERNMENT HAS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE FACTORS WHICH DETERMINE YOUR BOTTOM LINE FIGURE AND WE WISH TO DO SO. BY THE SAME TOKEN, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY MUST RESPOND TO THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REALITIES WE FACE, AND I AM SURE YOU WISH TO DO SO. I AM OPTIMISTIC BY NATURE. I AM CONFIDENT THAT OUR CONTINUING DIALOGUE WILL PROVE INVALUABLE.