

VII. Toward Successful Integration of Countries in Transition into the Global Economy

51. The end of the cold war has given a decisive impetus to globalization by offering former socialist economies the opportunity to assume their rightful place in the world economy.

52. We welcome the good economic results achieved by many countries in transition which have undertaken macro-economic stabilization and structural reform. Many countries, especially in Central Europe, have pursued resolute stabilization and structural reform programs and have achieved robust growth last year. Other countries which have not yet embraced reform fully lagged behind. Most of the countries of the former Soviet Union started reforms later than Central Europe, but many of them are poised to begin growing this year. We encourage all countries in transition to pursue their economic reforms in order to achieve or consolidate these gains. The EBRD plays an important role in supporting these reforms and we welcome the agreement to increase its capital.

53. We support Ukraine's efforts to continue with political and economic reforms and to further integrate into the world economy. In this respect we welcome the latest agreement with the IMF and encourage Ukraine to fully implement the agreed reform program.

We welcome the Moscow Summit declaration relating to Ukraine and the commitment of President KUCHMA to close reactor No. 1 at Chornobyl by the end of 1996, in the framework of the program to close the whole plant by the year 2000. We reaffirm our commitment to full implementation of the Memorandum concluded with Ukraine, through close cooperation with this country and the international financial institutions. In this regard, we welcome the financial decisions already taken by the international community, and we stress that all parties concerned must respect the agreed agenda of the comprehensive program.

54. We support Russia's ongoing political reform and its commitment to democracy. Economic and political reforms are mutually reinforcing and position Russia to play a more significant role in the global economy. We welcome the agreement between the Russian authorities and the IMF on an EFF. This agreement testifies to Russia's continued commitment to financial stabilization and economic reforms. Russia's economic success and its integration in the world economy depend on full implementation of its commitment. Crucial for economic recovery is now private investment which requires a reliable economic, legal and administrative environment. We welcome the historical agreement between Russia and the Paris Club on a comprehensive medium-term rescheduling of Russia's external debt, which will