

on the problem of restoring peace in this part of the world.

4. The Ministers reviewed developments in the Eighteen-Nation Disarmament Committee and the United Nations General Assembly and reaffirmed their support of general and complete disarmament under effective international control. They underlined the urgency of concluding effective international agreements which would prevent further proliferation of nuclear weapons in all forms. They emphasized the importance of various partial measures aimed at the relaxation of international tension, including a total ban of nuclear tests and an agreement on the peaceful uses of outer space. They also stressed the importance of promoting and extending the international safeguards system with respect to the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

5. Views were exchanged on the situation in Europe and the Ministers welcomed the efforts directed at an improvement of relations among European states with different social systems and at a solution of the problem of European security. They regard the multiplication of contacts at all levels between European countries as conducive to an atmosphere in which the solution of European problems may be found.

6. The two Ministers confirmed their belief that the United Nations is an important instrument for the resolution of international differences, for safeguarding world peace and security and for the development of international co-operation. They voiced their support for efforts within the United Nations to encourage friendly relations and co-operation among states and the renunciation of the use or threat of force for the settlement of international disputes. They agreed that universality remains the objective in United Nations membership. They emphasized the need to assist the developing nations in their efforts to better the conditions of their peoples.

7. Note was taken of the progress made in the improvement of relations between the two countries in the political field and in the fields of economy, culture, science and technology. The Ministers expressed their satisfaction over the growth of trade and agreed that there were possibilities for its further promotion and diversification. Both sides showed interest in the development of trade and international co-operation on a multilateral basis, particularly within the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

8. The Ministers expressed their sincere desire that co-operation between the two countries should be further developed in all fields. Mr. Martin stressed