equivalent to rather over 1 percent of G.N.P. The Government intends to continue the fight against inflation so as to improve still further the prospects for growth and employment.

The President of the United States stated that reducing inflation is essential to maintaining a healthy United States economic policy. He identified the major actions that have been taken and are being taken to counter inflation in the United States: tax cuts originally proposed for fiscal year 1979 have now been reduced by $10 billion. Government expenditure projections for 1978 and 1979 have been reduced. A very tight budget is being prepared for 1980. Steps are being taken to reduce the direct contribution by Government regulations or restrictions to rising costs and prices, and a voluntary program has been undertaken to achieve deceleration of wages and prices.

The meeting took note with satisfaction that the common approach of the European Community already agreed at Bremen would reinforce the effectiveness of this program.

Energy

4.   In spite of some improvement, the present energy situation remains unsatisfactory. Much more needs to be done.

5.   We are committed to reduce our dependence on imported oil.

6.   We note that the European Community has already agreed at Bremen the following objectives for 1985: to reduce the community's dependence on imported energy to 50 percent, to limit net oil imports, and to reduce to 0.8 the ratio between the rate of increase in energy consumption and the rate of increase in gross domestic product.

7.   Recognizing its particular responsibility in the energy field, the United States will reduce its dependence on imported oil. The United States will have in place by the end of the year a comprehensive policy framework within which this effort can be urgently carried forward. By year end, measures will be in effect that will result in oil import savings of approximately 2.5 million barrels per day by 1985. In order to achieve these goals, the United