

(Mr. Rae, Canada)

Our support for chapter X as a whole should be seen as a reflection of our determination to make every effort to respond to the urgent and immediate needs of developing countries hardest hit by economic disasters.

Finally, may I conclude by observing that the extensive negotiations which have taken place on these documents throughout the special session have clearly shown the possibility for a higher degree of co-operation between developed and developing, producer and consumer countries, on the issues with which these documents deal than has ever been achieved in the past. It is our sincere hope and expectation that our work together, the progress made towards co-operation achieved at this special session, will be carried further into other bodies, both within and outside the family of the United Nations.

Mr. LONGERSTADY (Belgium) (interpretation from French): The spokesman for the European Economic Community has entered the reservations and expressed the comments of our Group that we felt were necessary for inclusion in the record. It is obvious that the delegation of Belgium and of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, on whose behalf I speak also, support the comments made.

With regard to the Declaration in document A/AC.166/L.50, the acceptance of the delegations of Belgium and Luxembourg of paragraph 4 (e), which speaks to the sovereignty of States over their natural resources, must be taken in accordance with the attitude that the States members of the European Economic Community adopted during the third session of the Working Group on the Charter of the Economic Rights and Duties of States. In the meantime, the intentions and principles mentioned in that Declaration deserve to be clarified within the context of the discussions on the Charter I mentioned before, since Belgium and Luxembourg adhere to all the principles and since we voted in favour of them at UNCTAD III in Santiago. It is thus that we read the terms of paragraph 6 which states that the present Declaration "will provide an additional source of inspiration" in the preparation of such a Charter of the Economic Rights and Duties of States.