

Substantial progress towards the complete dismantling of apartheid in South Africa has been interrupted by another instance of brutal violence. We call on all sides to resume negotiations as soon as possible and make greater efforts to prevent violence. We appeal to all parties concerned to continue through negotiations on the path to democracy devoid of racial barriers. Sustainable economic growth is essential for an enduring solution of South Africa's problems.

The situation in the Horn of Africa is still alarming. Ethnic strife in Ethiopia continues even after the controversial elections.

The ending of anarchy, chaos, violence and hunger in Somalia still depends on the willingness of numerous local groupings to allow the United Nations, the International Committee of the Red Cross and other organizations to bring in food and medical supplies for the people. We welcome and support the UN peace mission for Somalia, UNOSOM.

9. Latin America

We appreciate the progress achieved in consolidating democracy and market economy structures in Latin America.

In this connection we welcome the efforts of the OAS - including sanctions - to secure Haiti's return to constitutional order.

We also look forward to Peru's return to constitutional order.

We welcome the signing of the peace agreement for El Salvador and the efforts of both parties to implement it quickly.

We encourage efforts in other countries of the region to settle ongoing conflicts.

There is growing recognition in the region that the mastering of global challenges such as environmental protection and drug trafficking, calls for close international cooperation. We are prepared to participate in and support cooperation in the region. The growing links between terrorist organizations and drug traffickers fill us with concern.

The steps Argentina and Brazil have taken to allow full inspection of their nuclear activities, and their decision to give effect to the Treaty of Tlatelolco and to consider