

Mr. President, the apartheid policies of South Africa lie at the core of the issues menacing the stability of Southern Africa. Not until each of these issues has been resolved in favour of basic human rights and racial justice will that region enjoy the harmony and stability which all desire for it. The international community is committed with growing intensity and singleness of purpose to the elimination of apartheid. If this conference reflects that in the adoption of a strong consensus declaration, it will give impetus to the struggle of South Africans to gain the enjoyment of their inherent rights through majority rule. This conference will succeed, and will come to be seen as a milestone in the progress of freedom, if it emphasizes and builds our common objectives -- the end of apartheid and the development of a just society in South Africa.