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- We agreed to work together on the threat of nuclear proliferation in Iran and the need to strengthen democratic reform in that country. We welcomed the progress toward the elimination of weapons of mass destruction from Libya, discussed how to eliminate such weapons from other parts of the world and undertook to work together to strengthen multilateral disarmament and non-proliferation regimes and organizations. We underlined that the NPT and the IAEA are both important fora in this regard.
- We are strongly committed to promoting democratic stability and economic reconstruction in Afghanistan and Iraq as early as possible.
- We agreed on the need to support the process of national reconciliation and the re-establishment of the rule of law in Haiti, leading to the organisation of free and fair elections. We also agreed on the need for humanitarian assistance as well as the need for short and long term support and engagement for Haiti's development.
- We call for a decisive relaunching of the Middle-East Peace Process and a concerted effort towards a lasting and just peace. The present situation brings enormous human suffering to the peoples concerned and contributes to instability in the region. We stand ready, together with the U.S. and other partners, to respond favourably to a call from the countries of the region for assistance for political, economic and social reforms.