

- A move by the superpowers toward "full-scale stage-by-stage" negotiations on nuclear testing with the ultimate objective of a complete cessation of all tests.

There are still more signs of change that increase my hope that the intellect and will of sufficient numbers of understanding, caring people in every corner of the world will prevail over the terrible conflicts that scar the planet.

- The Central America peace plan, instigated by the Nobel laureate, President Oscar Arias of Costa Rica, is taking hold and contains the potential for not only an end to violence but a prolonged period of economic and social development throughout the region.
- A landmark document, "Our Common Future," was introduced into the United Nations by Prime Minister Gro Brundtland of Norway. This report by a multi-national team of 22 commissioners who gathered evidence over a three-year period, presents a blueprint for sustainable development to combat the inter-woven crises of pollution, environmental degradation, and poverty.
- A ground-breaking, three-week international conference on the Relationship Between Disarmament and Development at the United Nations produced a consensus document in which, for the first time, the world community took a broad approach to security, emphasizing that it consists of "not only military but also political, economic, social, humanitarian and human rights and ecological aspects."

All these advances confirm the over-arching fact of our time: peace is a multi-agenda process involving economic and social development as well as arms control measures, the protection of human rights as well as an end to racial discrimination. The agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> century is already delineated. The issues that claim humanity's full attention are evident: the threat of nuclear annihilation, regional wars using conventional weapons, the gap between the developing and the industrial worlds, the danger of over-population, the despoilation of the global environment.