

countries of different social systems are open to those who are willing to sit down together to discuss ways of achieving practical and mutually advantageous solutions to existing problems. This mutual desire on the part of our respective governments has borne fruit in the agreement we have signed today, and I am sure that today's agreement will be only the first of many steps in the further development of closer relations between our two countries.

"I would also hope that the spirit of goodwill which has brought about today's agreement could be duplicated more often in the international sphere where so many problems remain unresolved. In this respect, I firmly believe that countries such as ours have a positive contribution to make in the achievement of world peace and it behooves us to take up the challenge and exert every possible effort to achieve that goal."