- (b) The prosperity of developed and developing countries has become increasingly linked. We will continue to work with the developing countries in a spirit of true partnership.
- (c) Open multilateral trade is essential to global prosperity and we urge an early and substantial reduction of barriers to trade.
- (d) We seek also to make the functioning of the world monetary system more stable and more effective.
- (e) Economic progress and the preservation of the natural environment are necessary and mutually supportive goals. Effective environmental protection is a central element in our national and international policies.

## I. Growth and Employment

- 5. In order to sustain non-inflationary growth and higher employment,—we have agreed that:
  - We will consolidate and enhance the progress made in bringing down inflation.
  - We will follow prudent, and where necessary strengthened monetary and budgetary policies with a view to stable prices, lower interest rates and more productive investment. Each of our countries will exercise firm control over public spending in order to reduce budget deficits, when excessive, and, where necessary, the share of public spending in Gross National Product.
  - We will work to remove obstacles to growth and encourage initiative and enterprise so as to release the creative energies of our peoples, while maintaining appropriate social policies for those in need.