

and solidarity for this hemisphere and for the entire world. The road ahead will not be easy. We will require patience, wisdom, faith and courage. But in the theme of this Conference, which is PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH, I believe that we can become strong enough to prevent aggression and wise enough to use that strength only for peace.

Ultimate security and peace in the world can only be based on widespread understanding and good will among nations, on a feeling of community between all peoples. Collaboration is sometimes born of fear and crisis, but genuine international cooperation must spring from stronger and more vigorous roots. That is why it is so essential for the people of this hemisphere and of all freedom-loving parts of the world to dedicate their efforts towards the development of an enduring spirit of fellowship among men of good will everywhere. In this way we can achieve what Joseph Conrad described as:

"the invincible conviction of solidarity that knits together innumerable hearts."

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