

#### IMPROVED INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

4. We are determined to work together in the international community, with international organizations, institutions and other forums to fight terrorism. We will work in all organizations of the UN family, the General Assembly and all other appropriate forums to identify and adopt practical measures to fight terrorism, including, where necessary, legal instruments. We will work bilaterally and multilaterally, taking full advantage of such organizations as Interpol, to improve measures against terrorism. We will propose and support information sharing with and among members of other regional organizations. We welcome, for example, the efforts made in the context of the recent sub-regional meeting in Buenos Aires, and the prospects for the OAS Ministerial meetings on terrorism.

#### INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC LEGAL FRAMEWORK

5. We call on all states to strive to become party to the existing international conventions concerned with countering terrorism, and urgently bring their domestic legislation into harmony with those conventions by the year 2000. It is our view that strong laws, effectively enforced, continue to be a convincing deterrent in combatting terrorism. We call upon all States that assist terrorists to renounce terrorism and to deny financial support, the use of their territory or any other means of support to terrorist organizations. All perpetrators of terrorist acts must be brought to swift justice. Stronger law enforcement co-operation and mutual legal assistance are among the measures best suited to deter and prevent international terrorist acts and punish terrorists. We have decided to have our experts continue to explore new ways of enhancing the current international legal regime, in particular to address new forms of terrorism. To prevent terrorists from escaping punishment, we call on all States to strengthen their domestic, bilateral or international extradition arrangements and to consider adoption of additional instruments.

#### EXCHANGE OF EXPERTISE AND INFORMATION TO PREVENT TERRORIST ACTS

6. One of the more effective tools we have to counter terrorism is sharing information among ourselves and with others. Terrorists operate secretly. Intelligence concerning terrorists, their movements, their support and their weapons is essential for countering their activities and enforcing laws against terrorism. Increasing the sharing of expertise, information, and intelligence between our countries and among the international community, is essential for countering terrorism.