

5. Korea

We welcome the progress achieved in the dialogue between North and South Korea. It gives us reason to hope for a further reduction of tension.

We are concerned about North Korea's suspected nuclear weapons programme. The IAEA Safeguards Agreement must be fully implemented and an effective bilateral inspection regime must be put into practice.

6. China

The recent developments towards economic reform in the People's Republic of China are encouraging. We also want to see China making greater efforts towards political reform. The situation with regard to human rights calls for considerable further improvement. We welcome China's accession to the Non-Proliferation Treaty and her application of the guidelines and parameters of the Missile Technology Control Regime. We hope that China will play a more constructive role in the international sphere.

7. The Mediterranean

We consider it necessary to devote more attention to developments in the Mediterranean. Our aim must be to launch joint efforts to enable the countries concerned to develop in a way that will both maintain peace and security and at the same time promote understanding of the principles of democracy and ensure greater respect for human rights.

We support the recent efforts of the Secretary General of the United Nations to find a solution to the Cyprus conflict. We call on all sides to cooperate with the Secretary General to seize the present opportunity to negotiate a settlement to this long-standing and tragic problem along the lines of Security Council resolution 750.

8. Africa

In Africa respect for basic human rights, political pluralism and market economy systems are gaining ground. We will continue to support this process of political and economic reform.