

c) Central and Eastern Europe

They will consult and work together in order to support the process of transition towards full democracy and market economy in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe with specific reference to problems of common interest.

d) Russia, Ukraine and other NIS

They will consult on their respective policies with regard to Russia, Ukraine and other NIS with specific regard to problems and actions of common interest. This consultation will take place bilaterally and in multilateral fora such as the EBRD, IBRD and the IMF.

e) Middle East

They will consult on further steps necessary to promote peace and stability in the Middle East.

4. Development co-operation

Recalling the priority they attach to development aid, notably with respect to the least developed countries, they agree to reinforce their coordination in multilateral fora and co-operate more actively at the bilateral level.

5. Humanitarian assistance

They will consult on improving the delivery of multilateral humanitarian assistance and the efficiency of UN humanitarian operations and, where appropriate, may undertake joint initiatives towards these ends.