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FOLLOWING IS OUR TRANSLATION OF THE INTRODUCTORY WORDS SPOKEN BY FEDERAL CHANCELLOR KOHL PRIOR TO DELIVERING THE FINAL DECLARATION OF THE BONN ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG ON 4TH MAY 1985:

BEGINS

IT IS A GREAT HONOUR AND A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO REPORT TO YOU HERE AT THE CLOSE OF THIS BONN SUMMIT ON TWO DAYS OF INTENSIVE TALKS AND WORK. WE HAVE HAD VERY FRANK, VERY FRIENDLY AND SOMETIMES CONTROVERSIAL DISCUSSIONS BUT THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT EVEN DIFFERENCES OF OPINION HAVE BEEN SETTLED IN A SPIRIT OF PARTNERSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP.

YESTERDAY WE ISSUED A POLITICAL DECLARATION AND PRESENTED IT TO THE PUBLIC. YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THAT I AS CHANCELLOR OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ESPECIALLY APPRECIATE AND WELCOME THIS POLITICAL DECLARATION.

THE POLITICAL DECLARATION ISSUED YESTERDAY TO MARK THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE WAR IS A POLITICAL DOCUMENT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE FOR US ALL. IN IT WE COMMEMORATE THE VICTIMS OF THE WAR AND OF TYRANNY AND AT THE SAME TIME LOOK BACK WITH PRIDE AT WHAT HAS BEEN CREATED OUT OF A SPIRIT OF RECONCILIATION IN 40 YEARS OF JOINT ENDEAVOUR.

WE PROFESS OUR FAITH IN THE FOUNDATIONS OF OUR FRIENDSHIP, IN OUR COMMON VALUES, IN PEACE, FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

THIS POLITICAL DECLARATION IS A DOCUMENT OF THE POLITICAL AND SPIRITUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN NORTH AMERICA, EUROPE AND JAPAN IS A GUARANTOR OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE WORLD. WE WANT TO USE THE EXPERIENCE WHICH WE HAVE GAINED IN 40 YEARS OF PEACE AND FREEDOM TO CREATE A BETTER FUTURE FOR THE WHOLE OF MANKIND.

FOR THE WHOLE OF MANKIND.

WE - THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT, THE FINANCE AND ECONOMICS MINISTERS, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS - HAVE NATURALLY DISCUSSED MANY TOPICS IN THESE MANY HOURS OF TALKS. I CANNOT OF COURSE MENTION ALL THESE SUBJECTS INDIVIDUALLY IN MY SUMMARY BEFORE I READ OUT THE ACTUAL FINAL DECLARATION. I SHALL, HOWEVER, MAKE TWO EXCEPTIONS.

IN THE COURSE OF OUR EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS ON WEST-EAST QUESTIONS WE ALSO BROACHED THE SUBJECT OF THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT'S STRATEGIC DEFENCE INITIATIVE. THE PRESIDENT HAS EXPLAINED HIS LONG-TERM RESEARCH PROGRAMME. THE UNITED STATES ARE PREPARED TO ENTER INTO INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS BOTH NOW AND IN THE FUTURE. I WISH TO STRESS AND WELCOME THIS POINT IN PARTICULAR.

THE PRESIDENT HAS EMPHASISED THAT THE UNITED STATES' AIM IS NOT TO ACHIEVE SUPERIORITY BUT TO SECURE STRATEGIC STABILITY. THE STRATEGY OF THE ALLIANCE REMAINS UNCHANGED AS LONG AS THERE IS NOT A MORE EFFECTIVE ALTERNATIVE FOR PREVENTING WAR.

AS FAR AS THE GENEVA TALKS ARE CONCERNED, IT IS A MATTER OF DRASTICALLY REDUCING STRATEGIC NUCLEAR AND INTERMEDIATE-RANGE WEAPONS AND MAKING AN EARLY START ON DISCUSSING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE WEAPONS WITH REGARD TO FUTURE COOPERATIVE SOLUTIONS.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, WE ALSO DISCUSSED A PROBLEM WHICH AFFECTS ABOVE ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IN MANY COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, AND NOT LEAST OF ALL THEIR PARENTS, AND WHICH HAS BROUGHT MISERY TO MANY FAMILIES: THE DRUG PROBLEM. WE HAVE CONSIDERED THIS MATTER BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT MANY YOUNG PEOPLE ARE THE TRAGIC VICTIMS OF THIS PROBLEM.

WE ARE DETERMINED TO FIGHT THIS PROBLEM RESOLUTELY. APART FROM THE MEASURES WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN, WE HAVE AGREED TO DRAW UP A COMPREHENSIVE AND EFFECTIVE STRATEGY WHICH, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF EXISTING SERVICES, WILL ENABLE US TO FIGHT THE MANUFACTURE AND TRAFFICKING OF DRUGS AND RELATED CRIMES MORE EFFECTIVELY THAN IN THE PAST.

WE SHALL AUTHORISE EXPERTS TO DISCUSS THIS STRATEGY AND EFFECTIVE MEASURES AND TO CONSIDER WHAT ADDITIONAL STEPS CAN BE TAKEN. WE HAVE AGREED THAT THE NECESSARY PROPOSALS WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE END OF THE YEAR AND THAT WE SHALL DRAW THE NECESSARY CONCLUSIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ✓

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