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Mr. Foreign Minister, Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the Norwegian delegation, my wife and myself, I want to thank you, Mr. Patterson, for the kind reception extended to us here in Jamaica.

We have already got strong impressions of the beauty of your island, so very different from our country. Coming from the chilly spring of Norway, the sunbaked shores of Jamaica gave a thrill to us.

But of course, the beauty of the country has only a slight relevance to basic economic facts.

The problems which Jamaica is facing, clearly demonstrate the need for a new economic world order.

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I find the strategy and the determination of your development policies very impressive. You demonstrate clearly that you have not the patience to sit down waiting for the outside world to create the new economic order.

In its absence you have to go along, determined to solve your most acute problems.

I am impressed by the principles of your development strategy, where you combine the policies of economic change, national sovereignty in natural resources, and a consolidation of democracy.

Allow me to pay a special compliment to you, Mr. Patterson, and to your colleagues in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, for the constructive role you are playing

in international affairs, in such important fields as the development of a new international economic order and in the establishment of a Law of the Sea.

I have the honour to propose a toast to the good health of Mr. Patterson, and to the happiness and well-being of the people of Jamaica.