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I am indeed glad to have the opportunity of sending a message to members of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation as you gather to honour President Von Weizaecker.

The Foundation's work continues to be as important today as it was when it began in 1965. Real progress has undoubtedly been made, but we shall always need men and women whose personal values and moral stature can act as an example to others.

The presentation of the Appeal of Conscience Award to President Von Weizaecker is a most well deserved tribute; I warmly congratulate him.

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