

Ministers also recognise that national security questions involve more than military preparedness. Wider issues must be considered, and with this in mind the Government has appointed a Parliamentary Select Committee to study disarmament and arms control matters and the implications for New Zealand. This Committee intends to report to Parliament during the forthcoming session.

The Government will strive to maintain peace and stability, especially in the South Pacific and the Antarctic, and to advance the prospect offered by the Law of the Sea Convention for the orderly, peaceful use of the world's oceans. Priority in the allocation of development assistance funds will continue to be given to the South Pacific, an area to which New Zealand has a special commitment.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, I commend all these matters to your careful consideration and I pray that divine guidance will attend your deliberations.