
Extracts from Mr Willy Brandt's Address when receiving the Third World Prize

I wish to express my deep-felt gratitude towards those who have bestowed this great honour upon me. In doing so I think of all those with whom I have had the pleasure of cooperating in recent years. Without an exchange of views and ideas, and without the encouragement from others, I would not have dared to step into that field full of traps which is the area of linkages between peace and development.

However, it is only on the basis of an agreement which rules out World War III that we will be able to choose easily or to choose at all among the proposals to solve the North-South-conflict. Actually this becomes most obvious if we think of the Geneva talks. How would one ever be in a position to determine any steps without first having clarified new perspectives?

The key to a solution, not of all but of many problems is in the hands of the superpowers. The question is whether they succeed in limiting their fruitless conflict and their power to destroy the world, at least to the extent of agreeing on rules which make World War III impossible.

This cannot mean that the rest of us should hide behind the responsibility of the nuclear giants. We must do what our own responsibility calls for. But this includes the application of all possible pressure and telling the powerful of this world what they owe mankind.