

STOCKHOLM COLLOQUIUM ON WORLD SITUATIONS AND PROSPECTS

(The Grand Hotel, Saltsjöbaden, Tuesday 27 afternoon and Wednesday 28 Sep. 1977)

Note on the Programme

- The purpose of the Colloquium is to review in an objective manner the condition and prospects of the Human Family at this stage of its evolution.

Although in-depth analyses of all relevant factors are not possible on this occasion, sufficient elements exist on the overall situations and trends for the Participants to draw responsible conclusions on the extreme alternatives opening up before mankind--for good or for evil.

- Many members of The Club of Rome are convinced that the present course of events is leading to ever more serious crises and eventually to disaster. This outcome is inevitable if, in our age of critical and vital interdependencies, quick change and complex choice, the human system continues to be torn apart by intolerable inequalities, outdated rivalries and mutual mistrust. Under these conditions, the immense patrimony of knowledge, information, material means and human resources now available is largely wasted, if not applied to globally negative ends.

A supreme effort must therefore be made by concerted action of all peoples and nations to change this course and set mankind firmly on a new, saner and safer direction.

The Club of Rome believes that this is still possible and hopes that the Stockholm Colloquium will mobilize fresh forces to this effect.

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- It is proposed that the First Session (Tuesday 27 September afternoon) be devoted to an illustration by Club of Rome members of the background papers and other issues relevant in their opinion for the next day's discussion.
 - During the evening, the Demonstration of the Mesarovic-Pestel techniques--designed to permit decision makers as well as citizens to assess the validity and/or consequences of policies in a world made difficult, as mentioned, by complexity, change and interdependence--is intended as a further preparation for the discussion.
 - The format and substance of this during the Second and Third Sessions (Wednesday 28 September morning and afternoon) will then be decided by the Participants themselves, so as to make the Colloquium as meaningful and fruitful as possible.