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by

**PRESIDENT ANWAR EL SADAT**

at the

**dinner banquet he hosted in honour**

**of the**

**German President Walter Scheel**

**Bonn, March 30, 1976**

President Scheel, Madam, friends :

Allow me to express our most sincere thanks and gratitude for the warmth of your reception and hospitality, features which indicate the authenticity of your noble people, just as they reflect the solid relations between our two countries and peoples.

After two days of cordial meetings and intensive talks with you, with Chancellor Schmidt and with responsible officials, it gives me pleasure to state, with satisfaction, that these meetings and talks have contributed in deepening cooperation and expanding the base of understanding between us.

The talks we conducted on the bilateral relations between our two countries have confirmed the positive development of these relations in the very short period since laying down their foundation. These talks will also pave the way for more profound and vaster relations in the future.

Our exchange of views on the various world problems proved that we meet in our aspiration to establish a better world in which peace, prosperity and tranquillity will prevail.

The Middle East question insistently imposes its presence on those concerned with the question of world peace. . You agree with me on the necessity of establishing a lasting and just peace in the area . . We are all responsible, before history and the coming generations, for building up the edifice of world peace on the basis justice.

We welcome an active and ever-increasing role by Federal Germany with all the political and economic weight it represents in Europe . . I was really glad to note Germany's full realisation of its responsibility, whether individually or through the European community.

I cannot but reiterate my thanks for the invitation extended to me to visit the Federal Republic of Germany; this visit which gave me the opportunity to see the features of one of the biggest modern economic miracles. I am also happy with the development of relations between our countries, and the readiness I felt to expand its horizons and deepen its dimensions.