

reason for humanity to hope for a better existence.

However, it is our practical actions, not the noble words contained in eloquent speeches, that will make us turn the hopes of our people into reality, a reality of peace, freedom, economic development and economic justice.

Let us respond positively to the plaintive cry of the poorest of the poor, who are looking forward to the dawn of the new millennium in the hope that the joy and celebrations at the stroke of the last midnight will rekindle the spirit of human solidarity. In this way, those who are sceptical about the ability of the new orthodoxy of globalisation to deliver a better life for billions of people around the world will not rush into repudiating the ideas of those who argue that an open world is the best hope, even with flaws, for a better life for billions of people. [Applause.]

Mr M C J VAN SCHALKWYK: Madam Speaker, the new millennium will see legislators and leaders being faced with issues which pose serious moral and ethical dilemmas. We know, with our limited experience, how difficult it is to legislate on issues such as abortion, euthanasia, artificial insemination and prostitution. However, many of