

The Parties to this Treaty -

They are determined to safeguard the freedom, common heritage, and civilization of their people, founded on the principles of democracy, individual liberty, and the rule of law -

Art 2 The Parties will contribute toward the further development and friendly relations between them by strengthening their free institutions, by bringing about a better understanding among the principles upon which these institutions are founded and by promoting conditions of stability and well-being

Truman Doctrine

Presidential Tr. Address to Congress March 12/1947

At the present moment in world history, many nations must choose between alternative ways of life - one way of life is based upon the will of the majority and is distinguished by free institutions, representative government, free elections, guarantees of individual liberty, freedom of speech and religion, and freedom from political oppression.

The second way of life is based upon the will of a minority forcibly imposed upon the majority. It relies upon terror and oppression, a controlled press and radio, fixed elections, and the suppression of personal freedoms.

I believe that it must be the policy of the U.S. to support free people who are resisting attempted subjugation by armed minorities or by outside pressures. ... )