

The Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run  
Opening Ceremonies, 21 April 1989  
World Trade Center

H.E. Mr. Michael George Okeyo  
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya  
to the United Nations

"Ladies and gentlemen, I greet you all this morning with enthusiasm and tremendous support on behalf of the people of my country, Kenya and especially on behalf of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya, Mr. Daniel Arabmoy. I mention his name especially, because he sincerely and strongly believes that humanity cannot achieve anything, including internal development of a country, unless there is peace at home. If there is peace at home, then only can there be peace in the world. The President's belief is so strong that during the last peace run in 1987, he personally carried the torch himself in Nairobi.

"In my country, we believe that without peace, however hard you try, without peace, whatever you do, you cannot indeed succeed. Imagine a country with internal chaos; can we expect them to build bridges and roads for their people? They can't. What we need as a prerequisite for everything else is peace. We need it universally and we Kenyans support it to the hilt."