



"Solidarity symbolizes the struggle of real workers in a so-called workers' state for fundamental human and economic rights... the right to assemble, the right to strike, and the right to freedom of expression."

President Ronald Reagan, United States



"The Polish people have often, through ages, suffered from despotism, but never has the soul surrendered. Their hope for freedom will give them strength to endure and survive."

Prime Minister Gunnar Thoroddsen, Iceland



"The repression in Poland concerns us all. The Poles must be allowed to build their own way of life without interference or coercion."

Prime Minister John Malcolm Fraser, Australia



"The days go by and the basic conditions of freedom of which the labor movement has been deprived are not being restored to that great nation."

Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini, Italy



"In the name of all Canadians, I fervently call upon the government of Poland to bring an end to martial law and to open the way to national renewal and reconciliation."

Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Canada



"We had hoped that the Polish people would be able to progress on the path of renewal and reform, which had started in the summer of 1980, without foreign interference."

Prime Minister Bulent Ulusu, Turkey



"The Polish people...need to know that the political and moral pressure of international public opinion will not cease until they have regained the use of the labor union rights wrested by the workers and farmers these past few years."

President François Mitterrand, France



"Poland recalls to us the value, and also the fragility, of what we have to represent and defend."

Prime Minister Wilfried Martens, Belgium



"The suppression of freedom in Poland is a grave moral challenge to all those in the world who stand for humanity and freedom."

Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, Federal Republic of Germany