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Yeltsin, who joined President Clinton in addressing the opening session of the UN General Assembly, echoed a theme that has been repeated a warning made last week by Yevgeny Primakov, director of the Foreign Ministry. He said that Moscow believes it has the prime responsibility for ensuring peace and stability among the newly independent nations of the former Soviet Union, and he added: "The main peace

will be restored. "

Yeltsin said this in words that have been spoken by growing frequency by Russian leaders in recent months. And that theme has stirred concern in the West about whether resurrection, as well as Russia's desire to assume an arbiter's role in Central Asia and other regions.

Yeltsin, who began a two-day meeting with Clinton in Washington on Tuesday, said his country's economy and foreign policy priorities lie in countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States. "Russia's ties with them are closer than to live in limbo. Already, 5,783 Haitians have done so just months ago by Coast Guard patrol boats, were part of a weeks-old program to

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