

exceptionally strong interest in the subject of that meeting and will measure its results carefully, for although there has been a considerable improvement in implementation on the part of some states, there has been a marked regression on the part of others. Coming so soon before the third Follow-up Meeting in Vienna, the results of the Human Contacts Meeting will be of special significance in our assessment of the utility and future of the CSCE process.

I hope, Mr. Chairman, that we will all seize the opportunity presented to us by these future meetings to renew the spirit of the Final Act and to initiate the actions which will ensure the survival of that spirit. It will not be easy to overcome the tendency to create more words, more undertakings, without paying sufficient attention to the essential need to implement those already agreed to. It will not be easy to accept the balance which is intrinsic to the CSCE and to the Final Act. We must, however, recognize that although some Participating States are more interested in certain elements of that balance than are others, the process does not envisage that the interests of some states will be served in the absence of reciprocal respect for the justified interests of others. We cannot ignore any aspect of the Final Act, since refusal to implement commitments in one area inevitably undermines expectations that commitments in other areas will be observed, and in the end paralyzes what must be a dynamic and expanding process. Some commitments may not, at a particular time, be convenient to certain signatories, but the broad principles and specific undertakings of the Final Act are goals we all claimed to aspire to, as essential to the creation of a Europe living in peace and security.

Mr. Chairman, we can take pride in the blueprint for civilized relations which was signed in this city ten years ago. We must, however, also assume the burden of its realization. It would be tragic if we failed to recognize the responsibilities we assumed in 1975, and failed to meet the goals we set for ourselves.

If we can now make a new commitment to giving meaning to our words over the coming decade, we will be providing our peoples with renewed hope for a richer and more secure life, and setting an example for the world.

Our task will be as difficult as it is urgent, but I hope that in the coming months we will all make that commitment.