The recently declared intention of the Serbian government to enforce sanctions against Bosnian Serbs is welcome. To be effective, this requires international monitoring of the Bosnia-Serbia border. Safe areas are also a way to improve security. Discussions are under way to increase their number and the level of security. While some countries support lifting the arms embargo against the Bosnian government, others believe this would not improve prospects for peace.

These issues will be of concern in the lead-up to the summit. The Vance-Owen peace plan remains the most promising foundation upon which to build a durable peace.