

The broader interdependence of Europe is complemented, moreover, by an inner European political and economic integration through the European Community.

But we must all be committed to making the CSCE work, whether we are part of other networks or not.

Let us then, while we are in Berlin, work to ensure that the CSCE will meet the real needs and concerns that contribute to European security.

This will also require far more effective meetings of officials than this organization has had in the past. Over-emphasis on procedure, form and magnified detail is not on any more and must now cede to real issues before us.

CONFLICT PREVENTION

At Paris we created a conflict prevention function for the CSCE: we established a Conflict Prevention Centre as a mechanism to support this function.

In our view, the CSCE's conflict prevention function is embodied in the seamless political process that begins with regular meetings of Heads of Government, meetings of our Council and vigorous meetings of the Committee of Senior Officials.

It should be a flexible, co-operative security instrument that could, at the direction of the Council, assume a number of diverse functions.

We had hoped this meeting would be able to establish a mechanism for the convocation of emergency meetings.

Some appear worried about its potential application to difficult internal affairs without the consent of the country or countries concerned.

We must reassure our members and move ahead on the whole issue of conflict prevention. To do so, we need the political will to go right to the heart of our problems.

This is our primary challenge today -- our primary opportunity, if you will.

INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY: THE BIGGER PICTURE

We must also recall that we are members of a broader international community.

That is why this meeting should also take a look at our world beyond the CSCE area, and at the implications for our security of events elsewhere.