

The Chairman-in-Office will be responsible on behalf of the Council/CSO for the co-ordination of and consultation on current CSCE business. In carrying out these tasks the Chairman-in-Office may be assisted by: the preceding and succeeding Chairmen, operating together as a Troika; ad hoc steering groups and; personal representatives, if necessary.¹⁰

The Council will also appoint a High Commissioner on National Minorities. The High Commissioner provides "early warning and, as appropriate, "early action" at the earliest possible stage in regard to tensions involving national minority issues that have the potential to develop into a conflict within the CSCE area, affecting peace, stability, or relations between participating states. The High Commissioner will draw upon the facilities of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) in Warsaw (which replaced the Office of Free Elections after the Prague Council Meeting of January 1992).¹¹

Furthermore, the 1992 Helsinki Document established a new CSCE Forum for Security Cooperation, with a strengthened Conflict Prevention Centre. The Forum will encompass two committees. The Special Committee, will meet either: for negotiation on arms control, disarmament and confidence-and security-building or; for consideration of, goal-oriented dialogue on and, as appropriate, elaboration or negotiation of proposals for security enhancement and co-operation. The Consultative Committee will work closely with the Conflict Prevention Centre.¹²

Finally, the Committee of Senior Officials will convene as an Economic Forum to give political stimulus to the dialogue on the transition to and development of free-market economies as an essential contribution to the building of democracy; to suggest practical efforts for the development of free-market systems and economic co-operation; and to encourage activities already under way.¹³

It should also be noted that with regards to conflict resolution, the 1992 Helsinki document for bilateral actions within the CSCE framework for the first time. The document's preamble, entitled "Promises and Problems of Change", calls on "participating States concerned to conclude, without delay, appropriate bilateral agreements, including timetables, for the early, orderly and complete withdrawal of such foreign troops from the territories of

¹⁰ Ibid., pg. 2-3.

¹¹ Ibid., pg. 4.

¹² Ibid., pg. 30-33.

¹³ Ibid., pg. 59.