

meeting this spring in Budapest, or at a separate meeting of foreign ministers. Those are questions to be decided.

It is clear that a preparatory meeting will be needed involving not just the 23 nations represented here, but all 35 countries of the CSCE. But we need to discuss here what we believe should be the purpose of the summit itself beyond signing a CFE Agreement.

Is it to create the political setting for the 1992 follow-up meeting? Or will it also have a broader agenda, setting in motion a process of activities that range through economic, social, environmental and humanitarian co-operation, as well as security affairs?

Today we are all politicians, in the best sense of that word. We are responsible to our publics for our actions. We must, therefore, be sensitive to those responsibilities on the part of others. We must be mindful constantly of the need to keep our efforts co-ordinated so that change is not purchased at the price of stability.

Under normal circumstances this would be a recipe for slowness; but we cannot afford delay. We must be present, at the political level, during all phases of this process, to ensure success which is quick and sure.

As we pursue our discussions today in closed session, I am confident that we will continue to apply the same openness to each other and to new ideas as is embodied in the concept of Open Skies itself.

May I now propose, colleagues, since we have heard from the ministers of each of the 23 countries, that we rise for about 10 minutes for a coffee break.

I would have us, then, reconvene in closed session in this room. I would hope to begin discussion when we reconvene of the elements of an agreement on a communique with respect to Open Skies, and we can in that closed session discuss how we make best use of the rest of our time together this day in Ottawa, to discuss questions relating to CFE and other questions that ministers together will want to address.

So if I could suggest a 15-minute break, we will break for coffee and reconvene in this room, in closed session, at 10:30 a.m.

Thank you.

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