

and cultural domains and, at the top priority, the absolute need to reach a defence and security arrangement which is capable of ensuring full security of each country at the lowest possible level of armament.

To build the new Europe we must be open minded and generous, but we must also be pragmatic. That is why we consider that all existing fora should be considered and its potentialities scrutinized before we embark on setting up new institutions which would duplicate existing ones.

It is not possible at this stage to foresee the future European institutions, yet two ideas should be kept:

The first is that CSCE is the most appropriate forum to create, at the present stage, a greater interdependence and greater confidence in the areas of security and defence for all those concerned with European future.

The second idea to be kept is that the development of the European Economic Community and its movement towards closer political and economic integration is not only an irreversible process, but also a must in the stabilization and prosperity of Europe.

We must realize that we are witnessing the end of cold war. And just like in any other war, its end requires the re-appraisal of relations among countries, the adjustment of the political perspectives, the setting up of co-operation and assistance programs and, eventually, the creation of new, or the revision of existing institutions for dialogue and co-operation.

It is in this perspective that Portugal supports the proposals for a CSCE summit in which the defence and security in Europe would be politically and effectively reinforced.

A CSCE summit should, therefore, be the proper occasion for the 35 states part of the CSCE to give a signal of their willingness to continue to work for a new, freer and more stable Europe on the basis on the ten principles of the Helsinki Final Act.

It could also begin to evaluate how far we could go in strengthening these principles with a view to the next CSCE follow-up meeting in Helsinki in 1992, where a decision to this effect could be taken.

Mr. Chairman, we are in the eve of a turning point in East-West relations where peace and interdependence, solidarity and co-operation are the key words. That requires a lot of work and a strong political will. Let us not defraud history.