

coercion. It is not intended to apply to obligations established by international agreements such as the human rights covenants.

While the participating states agreed in the Final Act not to intervene in matters falling within each other's jurisdiction, it is clear that human rights such as the right to leave one's country and return freely, take precedence over domestic jurisdiction. Moreover, while we agreed in the Final Act to respect each other's right to determine laws and regulations, we also agreed that in exercising this right we would conform with our legal obligations under international law. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I am clearly on firm ground in maintaining that the laws and regulations of the participating states on the application of human rights, such as the right to leave one's country, must conform with international obligations.

Mr. Chairman, I hope I have been able to demonstrate that there is room for a useful exchange of views concerning the principle of human rights and its application in Basket III matters. I hope that the results of this debate will be to narrow the gaps between us on these issues. While we may not reach total agreement, we may well achieve a better understanding which could, I suggest, be reflected in expressions of determination to respect the relevant principles and to improve our implementation of those provisions of the Final Act pertaining to humanitarian issues. Moreover, we could take new steps forward in this regard. I should hope that our exchange of views and our decisions in these fields will be included as part of a balanced result of this meeting in our concluding document.

One kind of result which I would propose would be a CSCE experts meeting or even a high-level meeting to discuss the protection of the principles of human rights and fundamental freedoms, which are reaffirmed in Principle VII of the Final Act, and the application of these rights in Basket III dealing particularly with the question of freer movement of people among the participating states. During the course of our discussions here, my delegation will further elaborate on this idea and will propose a mandate and the modalities for holding such a meeting.

It should be recognized, Mr. Chairman, that there is an ideological dimension involved. The systems and institutions or, in other words, the ideology of many of the participating states is based, in great part, on the