

antagonism and political and ideological competition is replaced by new security structures, based on co-operation and commonality of interest.

This CSCE process should, in our view, play a key role in this context as a framework for the management of East-West relations and as a basis for the establishment of the new order of peace in Europe called for in the May 1989 NATO summit declaration.

Norway is in favour of convening a CSCE summit later this year. Therefore, we have noted with satisfaction the expressions of growing support for this proposal in all three major CSCE groupings.

A CSCE summit would give the process and energizing political impulse by underlining the importance to the thirty-five attached to it as an instrument for peaceful co-operative change. It would also provide an opportunity for discussion of the political future of the continent of Europe, the future direction of arms control and the role that the CSCE process could play in the development of the new patterns and structures of co-operation in Europe.

Mr. Chairman, by way of conclusion, I also should like to express my thanks to the government and people of Canada for having arranged this important conference and for the generous hospitality they have extended to us.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN:

Thank you very much. We have not only made progress in terms of what we have discussed. We have made progress in the speed with which we have discussed it. In a sense, we are not only at midday, but in terms of the agenda we are halfway through the afternoon. I want to thank particularly those of my colleagues who moved your allotted speaking time ahead to allow us to make as much progress as we can.

There have been consultations, and they will continue over the break, to ensure that we can try to continue this pace through the afternoon. We will have to be asking some of the countries who had been scheduled to speak tomorrow to agree to speak today. That, as I said earlier, will allow us more time tomorrow for the kind of informal and private discussion which I think we all agree would be helpful in addition to the public discussions of the Open Skies proposals.

For those of you for whom it has been a long time since breakfast, you will be delighted to know that there will be lunch available for Ministers in the ministerial lounge.