

As a matter of urgency, we also need, as countries, greatly tightened export control regimes on all aspects of nuclear systems and missile technology. We particularly urge the new nations to quickly enact and implement appropriate export controls to ensure that their nuclear weapon materials are not exported to states harbouring ambitions to acquire nuclear weapons.

We should also back schemes for averting nuclear migration by ensuring that there is alternative employment for experts who would harness their expertise for the benefit of safe, peaceful nuclear energy programs and environmental needs in their own countries. We must support our partners in this endeavour.

Nuclear weapon states must accelerate the build-down of nuclear weapons. Even as we welcome the cuts just announced by President Bush and President Yeltsin, I believe that more must come. Undeniably, there is a political connection between downsizing in nuclear states, including countries represented in this room, and our making a convincing case to others on horizontal proliferation.

At our meeting in Berlin, in the wake of the Gulf War, I also highlighted conventional weapons transfers and their potential danger.

I believe that our Council has a responsibility to speak clearly and forcefully on this problem. In doing so, we should support the work of the United Nations at the past General Assembly in the area of arms transfers.

The CSCE brings together many of the key countries involved in this issue. We have a special opportunity, therefore, to send a message to the world that we are serious.

I am pleased with the statement on non-proliferation and conventional weapons transfers that we are issuing today.

I shall leave to others the issue of Yugoslavia. But it is vital that this organization deal with the hard issue of conflict in a real way. Help stop the killing. Help obtain the security guarantees that fearful minorities crave.

Support UN peacekeeping and, when the circumstances are right, ensure that those states meet CSCE standards of peaceful comprehensive security.