

that Germany's security status can only be satisfactorily resolved in the context of a wider East-West settlement which takes into account legitimate Soviet security concerns.

We support the two-track negotiations on German unification provided that all countries with an important stake in the outcome are kept fully informed and are given an opportunity to express their views before any agreements are concluded. In the case of the West, special consideration should be given to countries with forces stationed in Germany. We also agree that any agreement on Germany's status must be accompanied by an agreement reconfirming and guaranteeing the permanence of the present Polish border.

The Soviet Union has endorsed the two track formula for negotiations. It has advanced the concept of a neutral unified Germany and opposed its inclusion in NATO. Even though the USSR lacks support from the Eastern European governments on this issues, the Soviets can be expected to adhere to this position, particularly for bargaining purposes, during the negotiations on Germany's future status. We support the proposition endorsed by most Western governments that the incorporation of a united Germany in NATO will best serve the security interests of all Europeans at least until such time as agreement is reached on a viable new European security system.

#### A European Security System

To meet Soviet security concerns, we believe that an effort should be made to build on the progress already made in the area of security (for example confidence- and security-building measures) within the CSCE with the objective of establishing a new framework for European security which would involve all thirty-five signatories to the Helsinki Final Act, including the United States and Canada. In this regard, the West should explore, as a matter of high priority, proposals recently attributed to the West German Foreign Minister that a completely new kind of CSCE be developed, with regular meetings of foreign ministers, and the establishment of a crisis management centre along with specialized agencies for the environment, communications and transportation. It should be kept in mind that the Soviet Union has consistently advocated the establishment of an all-European security system. With the weakening of the Warsaw Pact as a viable