

West's Chapter III Position at CFE

The following is the position paper provided by the delegations of Belgium, Canada, Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, France, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States at the Negotiation on Conventional Armed Forces in Vienna on September 21, 1989.

I. Introduction

1. The proposals tabled by the member states of the Atlantic Alliance on 9th March and 13th July are designed to eliminate disparities in key categories of combat equipment relevant to surprise attack and offensive action and thereby to contribute towards the achievement of a more stable and secure balance of forces at lower levels. Full implementation of these proposals will dramatically reduce the capacity to conduct offensive operations. But a numerical parity in conventional forces in Europe, even at lower levels, will not by itself guarantee stability and security. Further measures are necessary to ensure that, insofar as is possible, the arms reductions we propose will in fact result in the lasting stability and security that we seek.

2. The additional measures necessary are:

- Exchange of Information
- Stabilizing Measures
- Verification Provisions
- Measures to prevent circumvention.

II. Exchange of Information

3. There will be an exchange of data on forces, sites and weapon systems as outlined below. Each state will be responsible for its own data; receipt of this data and subsequent notifications will not imply validation or acceptance of the data.

4. Information to be Exchanged

(A) Each participant shall provide the following information about the structure of its land, air and air defence forces in the area of application:

(i) Its land forces command organization, showing the designation and subordination of all combat, combat support

and combat service support formations and units at each level of command down to the level of battalion or equivalent*, indicating whether the unit is active duty or not.

(ii) Its air and air defence forces command organization**, showing the designation and subordination of formations and units at each level of command down to squadron or equivalent.

(B) For each of the above formations and units holding treaty-limited items, each participant shall provide the following information:

(i) The normal peacetime location of its headquarters component and of formations and units at which treaty-limited items are stationed or held, with exact geographical terms or coordinates and peacetime planned/authorized personnel strength.

(ii) The holdings at such locations of the following categories of treaty-limited equipment, specifying numbers and types:

- main battle tanks
- artillery pieces
- armoured troop carriers
- combat aircraft
- combat helicopters

(iii) The locations and holdings of Armoured Vehicle Launched Assault Bridges (AVLB), in active units.

(C) Each participant shall also provide information on the following within the area of application:

(i) The location, including exact geographical terms or coordinates, of storage depots monitored under the stabilizing and verification arrangements of this agreement, and the numbers and types of treaty-limited equipment held at such depots.

(ii) The numbers, types and permanent locations of treaty-limited items not belonging to the formations and units

* This is to include "low strength units" [see Stabilizing Measure 3(D)(1)].

** This is to include naval aviation permanently based on land.

declared under (B)(i) above, and not in monitored storage.

(iii) The location, including exact geographical terms or coordinates, and the number of personnel assigned to low strength units* designated under Stabilizing Measure 3(D).

(iv) The location, including exact geographical terms or coordinates, of other sites where treaty-limited equipment may be present on a regular or periodic basis, such as repair and maintenance depots, training establishments, storage depots other than those subject to monitoring under verification measures of this agreement, and alternative operating airfields, and the numbers of any treaty-limited equipment permanently located at such sites.

(v) The numbers and location, including geographical terms or coordinates of AVLB in monitored storage and in any other sites not covered by 4(B)(iii).

(D) The US and Soviet Union shall provide information on the number and location of their ground and air force personnel stationed on the territory of other participants in the area of application.

(E) Each participant shall also indicate the location of any sites which held equipment of the types subject to limitation under Chapter I after 1st January 1989, and from which such equipment has been withdrawn; each of these sites will have to be declared for (x) years following such withdrawal.

(F) In addition, each participant shall also provide information on the numbers, type and location of any main battle tanks, artillery pieces, armoured troop carriers, combat aircraft and combat helicopters present on the territory of participants in the area of application, not subject to treaty limitation but with a potential for circumvention, e.g., equipment held by paramilitary forces and equipment which is not in service with the armed forces of any participant.

5. Information required by paragraph 4 above shall be communicated in writing through diplomatic channels in accordance with an agreed format.

* As defined in Stabilizing Measure 3(D).