

securing its member states peace and freedom for more than 40 years. In the coming years it will serve as a primary vehicle for managing the transition to a new peaceful order through, among other things, orderly and negotiated disarmament.

In seeking to establish that goal we must be careful not to precipitate sudden shifts in policy that might, in the end, undermine stability and peace in the Europe of tomorrow.

Assurances now given by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany on the foreign policy orientation of a united Germany are particularly encouraging in this respect.

The Basic Elements paper of the NATO ministerial meeting in December of last year sets out the unanimous view of the NATO allies as to how we envisage the workings of Open Skies regime in practice.

Our guiding principles are: Transparency and openness; active participation and co-operation; inspection based on national quotas; and the establishment of agreed procedures.

The task ahead for our negotiators is to identify and solve the problems associated with establishing that regime. A successful regime will contribute to progress and confidence-building and arms control through enhanced predictability, mutual understanding and the confidence resulting from this total openness.

This is politically desirable, primarily because, as was spoken in the words of Mr. Skubiszewski, "Openness is a means of democratizing security relationships".

Iceland fully supports the proposal to convene a CSCE Summit this year, and we wish to work actively for its success. A successful Summit, however, requires careful preparation and clarity as to its intended goals.

The objectives of the Summit should be to revitalize the CSCE process. This can be done by holding a focused discussion on the changes within Europe and by the affirming of the Helsinki principles; also by consolidating the Agreement of Vienna with the signing of a CFE Accord.

Furthermore, by incorporating the results of the CSBM negotiations and deciding on the next phase of the conventional arms control process.

In considering further steps in the field of conventional arms control, the Western Alliance is committed to maintaining the political cohesion of the Alliance. No more no less, the principle of the indivisibility of our security must be safeguarded.