

With these considerations in mind, Turkey actively contributed to the consultations carried out in NATO. We are ready to display the same positive and constructive attitude during the work of this conference and contribute to a successful outcome.

Turkey's views find their expression in NATO's basic elements documents. So I will not repeat them here. But I want to emphasize a few points of particular significance for my country.

First of all, in establishing an Open Skies regime, an important principle should be to create equal security for all participating states. This ensues naturally from the objectives I have just mentioned. It follows that each participant, whatever its means, should have equal opportunity to benefit from the regime to be established.

As to the flight restrictions, they can be limited only for flight safety reasons or in accordance with obligations arising from rules of international law. But this should not weigh prohibitions established under ICAO procedures for flights outside the scope of the Open Skies regime.

Needless to say, flights over the Turkish Straits, within the framework of the regime, shall in no way constitute a precedent for flights outside the scope of that agreement.

My last point is related to the participation to the Open Skies regime of European countries other than NATO and Warsaw Treaty Organization member states. In principle, Turkey does not object to such an enlargement provided that their participation is considered after the regime is well established and the decision to invite them is taken on a case by case basis and by consensus.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

Thank you very much, Mr. Minister. I would like to give the floor now to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Spain, his excellency Francisco Fernandez Ordonez.

HIS EXCELLENCY FRANCISCO FERNANDEZ ORDONEZ,
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SPAIN:

Mr. Chairman, first of all, I want to thank our Canadian host and especially our colleague Joe Clark for the wonderful hospitality and the outstanding job to create the necessary conditions for our meeting.

Mr. Chairman, I will continue in Spanish.

Mr. Chairman, in 1955 the proposal by President Eisenhower to