

They expressed the view that it is of the utmost importance and urgency for all participating States to take effective steps towards halting the arms race throughout the world and to pursue ongoing efforts in negotiating forums related to arms limitation and to the achievement of general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control. Prompt action towards these objectives should be taken to establish more stable relations on a regional basis, in particular in Europe, where major military potentials are concentrated.

The participating States therefore declare their resolve to encourage worldwide disarmament measures both in the United Nations and in other disarmament forums, and to give their full support to the special session of the United Nations General Assembly on disarmament, to be held in the spring of 1978. They transmit to those engaged in the forums indicated above the sense of urgency felt by the Belgrade Meeting concerning the need to achieve progress in the field of arms limitation and disarmament.

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In the field of economics, of science and technology and of the environment, the representatives of the participating States acknowledged that their mutual trade and industrial co-operation had grown in the past two years, but still did not reflect their full potential. Some improvements were noted, but there was a need for greater efforts to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of the Final Act, particularly in the area of business contacts and facilities and in that of economic and commercial information.

Throughout their discussions, the representatives of the participating States recognized the valuable work done by the ECE as the main instrument for multilateral implementation of the relevant provisions of the Final Act, and they considered it of the greatest importance to continue the work already initiated there. They declared the determination of their States to take further steps to increase their co-operation in the ECE in fields of particular interest to them.

The participating States stress the need for further efforts towards solving the problems of developing countries throughout the world, including those among the participating countries as long as they are developing from the economic point of view. They express their readiness to make joint economic efforts to contribute to the process aimed at setting up a new international economic order.

The participating States express their willingness to intensify their efforts with a view to ensuring a dynamic development of trade, in particular