

the only "hot" issues on the arms control agenda. If others wish to add to our language, it is up to them. Furthermore, we are comfortable in standing firm on the above. Even were the above language to be accepted, it would mean that NATO language offered less explicit recognition to Ottawa process than virtually every other major forum, including the OAU, OAS, Denver Summit, and even the upcoming ASEAN PMC, a forum which has been traditionally the furthest behind in terms of recognizing Ottawa process because of presence of so many reluctant countries (e.g. China, Vietnam) in that region. Certainly, NATO can do better. As a result, were it to come to it, we are prepared to see this issue put to ministers.

Best of luck.