

role, both in the institutions established and in the language used. The Charter promised that participating states would "not only seek effective ways of preventing, through political means, conflict which may yet emerge, but also define, in conformity with international law, appropriate mechanisms for the peaceful resolution of any disputes which may arise." Canada hoped that the rudimentary institutions and web of political consultations established by the Charter would provide a way for this function to be brought to bear. Paris set forth participating states' intention for the CSCE to become an organization that would help states resolve their disputes without violence and perhaps even prevent their disputes from developing, through systematic, deliberate political management of inter-state tensions.