

Movements, Access and Contacts.

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My delegation has listened with interest and attention to interventions yesterday and this morning dealing with the important matters covered by the second chapter of the Final Act. We have always believed that the importance of this chapter has been underrated, probably because the issues with which it deals have a lower public interest profile than those dealt with elsewhere in the Final Act. This is not, however, to minimize their importance. On the contrary, it is precisely because of the less emotional character of the questions that we see in them possibilities for strengthening our mutual inter-relations and enhancing trust and confidence as a result.

I do not intend to mention all aspects of this chapter, although clearly my delegation will have things to say when the specific questions concerned are dealt with in the appropriate subsidiary working body. I should like, however, to make a few general observations about those aspects of this chapter which seem to us to have a special character.

As we have repeatedly affirmed, the Final Act is a unified whole and several themes run like *leit-motifs* right through it. One of these is the determination to build trust and confidence into our mutual relations. Another is that barriers to freer and fuller exchanges must be broken down. A third is that only through an ever-increasing range of contacts can barriers be dismantled so that confidence may take deeper root and flourish.

To those who negotiated the Final Act in Geneva the letters MAC had a special significance: mutually acceptable conditions. I would suggest, Mr Speaker, that in our present review of the second chapter we should see its unique contribution in terms of another MAC: movements, access and contacts.

It is perfectly plain to us all that we are not here to negotiate tariff reductions or trade agreements; these matters are more properly handled elsewhere. But it seems to me indisputable that the unique contribution which can be made by the implementation of the relevant passages of the Final Act is in fostering a climate of confidence and mutual awareness which