

5. COMMUNICATING THE CONCEPT OF AERIAL OBSERVATION AS A TOOL
FOR CONFLICT PREVENTION AND CRISIS MONITORING

Trial flights have been the key to communicating and demonstrating the relevance of aerial observation to conflict-prevention and crisis-monitoring applications. Several Open Skies trial flights with Dayton Article II parties have demonstrated the confidence- and security-building benefits derived from aerial observation, thus furthering the Treaty's preambular intentions for "the potential contribution which an aerial observation regime of this type could make to security and stability in other regions."

It is hoped that the tangible benefits deriving from the trial flights experience will have a positive impact on the entry into force of the Treaty as soon as possible.