

holdings of all participants in each category of armaments, commensurate with its needs for self defence;

— addressing the overall number and nationality of forces will not by itself affect the stationing of armaments outside national borders: additional limits will also be needed on certain forces stationed on other countries' territory;

— we need to focus on both the levels of armaments and state of readiness of forces in those areas where the concentration of such forces is greatest, as well as to prevent redeployment of ground forces withdrawn from one part of the area of application to another. It will therefore be necessary to apply a series of interlocking sub-limits covering certain forces throughout the area, together with further limits on armaments in active units;

— it was decided at the meeting of Alliance Heads of State and Government in Brussels on 29th/30th May 1989 that aircraft and helicopters should also be reduced because of their relevance to the conventional balance. We envisage appropriate measures of verification and non-circumvention taking account of the particular characteristics of these weapons systems;

— the Summit meeting in Brussels on 20th/30th May 1989 also decided to supplement these provisions with an equal ceiling on US and Soviet ground and air force personnel stationed in Europe outside their national territory. Such a measure reflects the particular responsibilities of the two major powers in the reduction of military confrontation and the building of mutual confidence in Europe on a basis of mutual equality, as well as the fact that these two countries maintain substantial forces outside the zone of application.

## Proposals

### *Chapter I: Limitation on Major Weapons Systems*

#### a. Ground Forces

Our proposals on ground forces have been made public on 6th March in Vienna. Those main battle tanks, artillery pieces and ATCs withdrawn from service in order to achieve compliance with the

rules proposed in March shall be destroyed, in accordance with procedures to be agreed.

#### b. Air Assets

##### Rule A: Overall Limit

The overall total of combat aircraft and combat helicopters will at no time exceed:

Combat Aircraft:	11,400
Combat Helicopters:	3,800

##### Rule B: Sufficiency

No one country may retain more than 30% of the overall limits in these two categories, i.e.

Combat Aircraft:	3,420
Combat Helicopters:	1,140

##### Rule C: Sub-Limits

Within the area of application delineated under Rule 4(1), each group of countries belonging to the same treaty of alliance shall not exceed the following levels:

Combat Aircraft:	5,700
Combat Helicopters:	1,900

##### Rule D: Disposition of Reduced Weapons Systems

Those aircraft and helicopters withdrawn from service in order to achieve compliance with Rules A to C above shall be destroyed in accordance with procedures to be agreed.

### *Chapter II: Limits on US and Soviet Ground and Air Force Personnel Stationed in Europe Outside National Territory*

The United States and the Soviet Union shall not station outside their national territory within Europe from the Atlantic to the Urals more than, in each case, 275,000 ground and air force personnel.

United States and Soviet Union personnel withdrawn from service in order to achieve compliance with this limit shall be demobilized.

### *Chapter III: Measures of Information Exchange, Stabilization, Verification and Non-circumvention*

In addition, there will, as an integral part of the agreement, be a need for further measures of information exchange,

stabilization, verification and non-circumvention.

#### a. Information Exchange

Each year holdings of main battle tanks, armoured troop carriers, artillery pieces, combat aircraft and helicopters will be notified, disaggregated down to battalion/squadron level. This measure will also apply to personnel in both combat and supporting units. Any change of notified unit structures above battalion/squadron level, or any measure resulting in an increase of personnel strength in such units or in aggregate personnel levels, will be subject to notification on a basis to be determined in the course of the negotiations.

#### b. Stabilizing Measures

We shall shortly present proposals designed to buttress the resulting reductions in force levels in the ATTU area. These will include measures of openness and constraint applied to the deployment, movement, storage and levels of readiness of conventional armed forces, including their armaments and equipment. There will also need to be provision for temporarily exceeding the limits set out in Chapters I and II, inter alia, for pre-notified exercises.

#### c. Measures of Verification

We shall also propose verification arrangements designed to provide assurance of compliance with the agreed provisions.

#### d. Non-circumvention Provisions

We will propose provisions which will ensure that actions of the parties do not circumvent the agreement and do not have adverse security implications for any participant.

### *Chapter IV: The Longer Term*

In the longer term, and in the light of the implementation of the above measures, we would be willing to contemplate further steps to enhance stability and security in Europe, such as:

— further reductions or limitations of conventional armaments and equipment;

— the restructuring of armed forces to enhance defensive capabilities and further to reduce offensive capabilities. ■