

Ironically, the other process, one which the West wanted much more than the CSCE – the Mutual Reduction of Forces and Armaments and Associated Measures in Central Europe negotiations (generally referred to as MBFR in the West) – has not been very productive and has generally failed to reduce tensions in Central Europe. The Stockholm CSBM conference and its potential follow-ons may eventually even supercede the MBFR negotiations. Given the rather unhappy history of MBFR, its lessons may prove instructive.

