

Measures and Disarmament in Europe (later referred to as CDE) started in January 1984 according to the mandate laid down in the Concluding Document of the Madrid Meeting, of September 1983. The CDE concluded in September of 1986 with the adoption of the Stockholm Document.

The Stockholm Document reaffirms the principle of the avoidance of the use or threat of force in the bilateral as well as in the international relations of its participating States. Furthermore, the provisions of the Helsinki Final Act with regard to notification of manoeuvres were amplified by the Stockholm agreement in the following ways:

States have to give notification, 42 days in advance, for four types of military activity: first, land-force exercises involving at least 13,000 troops of 300 battle tanks and organized in a divisional structure (if more than 200 sorties of aircraft are to take place in the framework of such activities, they have to be included in the notification); secondly, amphibious landing exercises involving at least 3,000 troops; thirdly, parachute assault engagements involving at least 3,000 troops; and fourthly, the engagement of land-force formations in a transfer from outside the zone subject to the Stockholm Document to arrival points in the zone, or from inside the zone to points of concentration in the zone, to participate in a notifiable exercise activity or to be concentrated. The same threshold as above (13,000 men or 300 battle tanks) applies also for this regulation. For activities carried out without prior information on the troops involved --so-called alerts-- notification shall be given at the time that such engagements begin. The Stockholm Document reaffirms the Final Act's obligation to disclose the manoeuvre's designation, purpose, States involved, and types and strengths of the forces participating, but it requires in addition the revelation --on a mandatory basis-- of the level of command, the starting and finishing dates, the number and types of divisions taking part in the exercise, and specific data on the devices and ammunition used.³⁷

³⁷ Ibid., pg. 24.