

And we hope that on a national basis each country participating in the CSCE will wish to participate in the preparation of this.

So here you are, Mr. Chairman. Very rapidly, these are our initial ambitions for this meeting. It does not mean to say, however, that developments in Europe will not create other ambitions. Nevertheless, we should put forward now possibility for new values and the possibility of developing new relationships, new links of friendship. Some have not waited. The European Economic Community, for many a long day now, has been an example of vitality and the solidarity of its members, as the Secretary of State from Great Britain reminded us.

Also, indeed, we are striving toward a new political union, nevertheless open to the outside world and willing to look into all forms of agreement and co-operation.

But in a broader perspective, France, through the President of the French Republic, suggests that Europe move toward a confederation. After all, there are themes to bring us together over and beyond those that pull us apart. I am thinking in terms of human rights; the defence of the environment; of the new financial efforts; the creation of the future Bank of Reconstruction and Development in Europe. Only our imagination can limit us, indeed, so rich appear these new developments in potential.

The Open Skies initiative is one of these potentials. Indeed, previously there was no security without a surfeit of armaments; now we need to have reciprocal trust. Not only should we base ourselves on words but on concrete examples, the free verification of which can bear out this feeling. Indeed, Open Skies is going to become the key for new relations among the countries of the CSCE.

Allow me to conclude, Mr. Chairman, on behalf of France. Allow me to say that we are committed to contributing to the success on the basis of the principles that I have just alluded to.

Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN:

Thank you, Mr. Minister. Before I call upon our colleague, the Foreign Minister of Poland, may I just indicate to Ministers that last night you accepted my suggestion that we establish two informal working groups which are to meet at 11 o'clock to discuss their program of work, in the one case concerning Open Skies and, in the other case, concerning a discussion on conventional force reductions in Europe. Those meetings will begin as per our