

- **Observation** — requires invitation of up to 2 observers per state to observe any exercise, transfer, or concentration involving at least 13,000 troops or 300 tanks or 3,500 amphibious or parachute assault troops and includes extensive regulations to ensure acceptable observation opportunities;
- **Calendar** — requires extensive information about notifiable military activities scheduled for the following year;
- **Constraining provisions** — limit notifiable major activities of more than 40,000 troops or 900 tanks to one per two years and smaller exercises (13,000 to 40,000 troops or 300 to 900 tanks) to six per year for each state. Of these six activities per year, only three may be over 25,000 troops or 400 tanks. Maximum of three simultaneous notifiable activities and none may exceed more than 13,000 troops or 300 tanks;
- **Compliance and verification** — provides for short-warning *inspections* (to be initiated within 36 hours of the request, employing a maximum of four inspectors, and to last no more than 48 hours) of troubling sites and activities (limit of three received inspections per year for each state) as well as *evaluation* visits to confirm the accuracy of the information measure's data (the number of visits based on force size but a maximum of fifteen received visits per year for each state);
- **Communications** — establishes an efficient and direct communications network for CSCE use in distributing notifications, clarifications, and requests; and
- **Annual Implementation Assessment** — which mandates an annual assessment of compliance.

## Conclusion

This brief paper provides a general background that should help in understanding the nature of confidence building. The goal has been to provide "food for thought" rather than ready-made proposals for CBM packages applicable in distinct regions throughout the world. The advance construction of such packages by outsiders is inappropriate. For them to have meaning and value, CBM proposals must be informed by conceptual sensitivity (the paper's contribution) *and* a deep appreciation of the specific political, military, and social context of a particular regional application. The latter entails incorporating the insights of true area specialists and also requires the active engagement