

the manoeuvres to which they had been invited and by providing ample information when notifying manoeuvres.

To deepen and intensify implementation as well as to develop and enlarge measures to strengthen confidence, the representatives of the participating States adopted the following:

They will notify, in the same manner as major manoeuvres, those smaller-scale manoeuvres involving fewer than 25,000 troops and more than 10,000 troops and corresponding in other respects to the parameters contained in the provision on prior notification of major military manoeuvres.

Information on manoeuvres will also include notification of the types and numbers of the participating major units, that is, at the brigade/regiment or divisional level and above, the estimated starting and finishing dates of the movements of the forces involved as well as the period of absence from their regular duty stations.

Observers at military manoeuvres should be offered the best opportunity of acquiring a good overall picture of the manoeuvre and of observing adequately its development by ample and continuous information. They should be offered reasonable freedom of movement in the manoeuvre area, under escort; appropriate facilities such as adequate maps and binoculars; and the opportunity to follow the activities of field units taking part in the manoeuvre; and, if feasible, contact with command staffs. They should be given equal treatment.

Prior notification will be given of major military movements taking place into or within the applicable area, as defined for prior notification of major military manoeuvres, and covering more than 200 kilometres measured on a straight line from the point of origin. When notifying States will apply the same provisions as adopted for major military manoeuvres with the additional information of the direction of the movements and the place of destination. They understand that the term "major military movement" is also applicable to movements which take place in parts, divided in time and/or space, whether in units or not, which in the aggregate exceed a total of 25,000 troops, if the troops involved are moving for a co-ordinated purpose and during a period of 30 consecutive days.

Appropriate, increased openness regarding military matters would contribute to confidence-building as well as to reducing and eliminating causes of misunderstanding and overreaction. The participating States will promote openness with regard to their military budgets. They recognize the relevance and value of ongoing efforts to develop a satisfactory instrument for the consistent and comprehensive measurement and reporting of military expenditures by States.