

threat perceptions? Despite twenty years of experience in Europe, a nagging uncertainty remains as to CBMs real contribution to detente. The deliberations made clear that without the requisite political will there was little CBMs could do to enhance stability on the Korean peninsula.

Should the will be forthcoming, then CBMs, including simple and relatively inexpensive verification processes designed to provide reassurance, could assist in diminishing tensions. It was widely agreed that Canada would be ideally positioned to provide the verification expertise vital to a step-by-step confidence-building regime. Thus the workshop ended on a mixed note: a realization, on the one hand, of the sober realities of the North-South confrontation, and a guarded optimism, on the other, about the role a country like Canada could play in facilitating the reduction of tensions in one of the world's major trouble spots.

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