

FOREIGN SECRETARY (CONT):

that decision. But there are, alongside that, certain matters which then have to be considered and decided if German unity is to fit into an harmonious Europe and we have been discussing those, we have just discussed one of them, and some of those issues would fall naturally within the framework that I hope will come into being of the six.

QUESTION (Bella Pick Guardian):

Could I ask you about the declaration on the CFE agreement that is apparently being prepared, is there going to be any kind of political commitment to concluding it this year and if so what is the substance that is going to be put out later today?

FOREIGN SECRETARY:

I think there will be a general endorsement of the idea that the CSCE process is going to carry a good deal more weight and is going to be very important because as the Warsaw Pact disintegrates, the countries of Eastern Europe feel the need for something which brings the countries of Europe together. We believe of course passionately in the continuation of NATO and the EC, but neither of those for the time being is suitable for the countries of Eastern Europe so they want to put more weight on the CSCE process and I think that that is right. I think there will then be agreement, as you know Bella there is agreement really on the principle of holding a CSCE Summit later this year and I dare say that will be in the communique as well.

