

make the agreement work. Thus, while one could spend hours identifying possible ways in which a state could obstruct or thwart the basic thrust of the agreement, in this context such discussion should be largely irrelevant. If the political will to sign and abide by an agreement exists, ways will be found to overcome specific problems through consultation. If such a will does not exist, the possibilities for obstruction are infinite;

- following from this point, it was strongly felt that an Open Skies Treaty should be kept as simple and flexible as possible. Excessive concern with minutiae should be avoided. To a certain extent, the specific problems associated with running a regime cannot be identified until the regime is in place. Keeping the regime as flexible as possible will allow the regime to evolve as the participants gain an understanding of the day-to-day aspects of operations;

- the range and capabilities of aircraft and sensors which are commercially available is impressive. It was strongly felt that enough equipment was within the range of all potential participants that every state could mount credible overflights and acquire a large amount of useful information for confidence-building purposes;