

conferences are an anachronism that should be done away with, given that CSCE issues are discussed every day in the Permanent Committee anyhow. Review conferences could be replaced by biennial or ad hoc meetings of heads of state and government preceded by a two- to three-week CSO meeting. Canada would like to maintain the review conference functions of enabling participating states to assess implementation of commitments and to take new normative commitments where necessary; however, the former could be done through an annual human dimension implementation meeting and the latter through Permanent Committee negotiations.

Canada is also placing continued emphasis on maintaining the comprehensiveness of the CSCE, which in practice means heading off efforts by the Council of Europe to absorb the human dimension, or of the EC to take Basket II issues out of the CSCE.

In short, Canada's activities in the CSCE continue to be focused on the main themes identified in the May 1990 Humber College speech: maintaining the CSCE's comprehensive scope; improving the CSCE's institutional effectiveness; and refining the CSCE's tools for conflict prevention and management.