

Conference will also be the first gathering of the 23 ministers since the dramatic events which have swept Europe during the autumn of 1989. Thus, while the main focus of the Ministerial portion of the Ottawa Conference will remain firmly on "Open Skies", the Ministers can certainly be expected to use the opportunity of their gathering to discuss other aspects of European security, most notably conventional arms control in Europe. This historic meeting the first major East-West gathering of the 90s will help to set the tone for the new decade, and for a new East-West security relationship.