

reasonable sufficiency as it has been understood up until now. Some of these trends have already been seen in the enforced unilateralism demanded by the Hungarian and Czechoslovakian requests for Soviet troop withdrawals, and Soviet troops in East Germany will soon meet a similar fate.

On 9 February this year, the Soviet Union agreed to begin withdrawing its 73,500 troops (and equipment) in Czechoslovakia, a process to be completed by mid-1991.¹⁰⁴ Then on 11 March, Hungary and the Soviet Union signed an agreement on the complete withdrawal of 49,700 Soviet troops and equipment (860 tanks, 1,500 armored personnel carriers, and 27,146 combat vehicles), also by June 1991.¹⁰⁵ In addition, there were requests for Soviet troop withdrawals (40,000 troops) from Poland by Lech Walesa in January, although these were not repeated in the face of the failure of West Germany to provide border guarantees to Poland.¹⁰⁶ Now that Polish anxieties about this question have been addressed it is likely that a renewed call will be issued for Soviet troops to leave the region.¹⁰⁷

Assuming the troops and equipment in Czechoslovakia and Hungary will simply be pulled eastward, remaining in the ATTU region, CFE will still be complicated by the necessity of rethinking the balance of forces remaining in the central region. The CFE definition of WTO countries in Central Europe includes East Germany, Poland, Hungary,

¹⁰³ (...continued)

to that of CFE I. Personal communication with a NATO representative at the current CFE negotiations.

¹⁰⁴ Jonathan C. Randal, "Soviets Agree to Begin Czechoslovakia Pullout", *International Herald Tribune* (hereafter *IHT*), 10-11 February 1990, p. 1.

¹⁰⁵ "Soviets and Hungary Agree on Troop Pullout", *The New York Times*, 11 March 1990, p. 14.

¹⁰⁶ On Walesa's request see the report included in Mark Urban, "'Troops out' Hungary says", *The Independent* (London), 19 January 1990, p. 10.

¹⁰⁷ The border question was recently settled in the Two-plus-Four Talks. See: Robert Mauthner, "Poland wins accord on border issue", *Financial Times*, 18 July 1990, p. 1.