

The Secretary of State for External Affairs welcomed the achievement of agreement at the Stockholm Conference as a major accomplishment in the effort to improve East-West relations and an event of considerable political and military significance for Europe. As the first multilateral arms control/security agreement adopted in over a decade it also provides a much-needed injection of vitality into the international arms control and disarmament process. It is our hope that the Stockholm Conference agreement will herald a revitalized period of East-West cooperation that will reduce the risk of conflict in Europe and provide a basis for the negotiation in the future of more extensive measures of military restraint and reductions.