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The report deals with relations between an "East" comprising the Soviet Union and the other six countries of the Warsaw Pact, and a "West" comprising the United States of America, Canada and the fourteen European members of NATO. This is not intended to discount the part which other countries play in East-West relations. It does, however, reflect the view that the key East-West issues arise from, and ultimately can only be settled with reference to, the division of Europe.

Relations between East and West, although they have been at various important points in history, must be considered in a broader context. Especially in the more recent past, East-West relations have both influenced and in turn been influenced by political