

This final document, which will contain these principles as elaborated, will not be of a legally binding nature, nor is it the purpose of the Conference to attempt to elaborate new international law as such. Rather the objective is the elaboration of recognized principles of interstate relations in a form that can be supported by all participating states as a guide for the future relations among them. It was for this reason that the Committees dealing with the above listed principles were enjoined in the final recommendations of the Helsinki consultations (MPT) to take into account, in particular, the United Nations Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations. In fact, most of the principles mentioned above have been elaborated in that Declaration although the Friendly Relations Declaration does not specifically refer to the concepts of inviolability of frontiers and territorial integrity of states, both of which the Soviet Union in particular wished to see elaborated and approved by the Conference.

When the Conference recessed, at the end of July, 1974, the first six of the ten principles referred to above, plus a Western inspired floating text which provides for possible future changes in frontiers by peaceful means and a general disposition regarding the applicability and interrelationship of the principles had been provisionally registered. Despite this provisional registration, there are a number of words and phrases left in square brackets, an indication that further consultations will be required before final agreement on all texts is reached.

Although the "floating" text, on peaceful change of frontiers has been provisionally registered, there is as yet no indication as to where in the final document it will eventually be inserted.

Passing reference should be made to two other matters which have been discussed at length during the course of the Conference but which have, as yet, not received widespread support. These are proposals, first by the Romanians for the enunciation of a separate declaration on the non-use of force which would be additional to the principle elaborated on refraining