

the fields of security policy and arms control.

This fact is itself a guarantee to our doing our best to ensure the success of the whole Conference, including the Budapest Phase. Pending an understanding of the States concerned, we would be ready to host -- following the conclusion of the closing session at the Ministerial level -- a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the 35 States participating in the CSCE process. That meeting would serve to lay the ground for the 1990 Summit of the Thirty-Five.

Getting back now to Ottawa, we are aware that the negotiating delegations will have to solve a number of complicated problems in the short time at their disposal. We are encouraged by our feeling that all the participating States have the political will needed to make this highly significant enterprise a success.

It serves the interest of all Europe that we proceed further on the road indicated by the historic disarmament and confidence building agreements signed or in the works. This can guarantee the durability of the current favourable trends in international politics and the opening of skies over every State and our globe in the not too distant future.

Mr. Chairman, I believe that the document formulating the common position of the Warsaw Treaty member States, which I am tabling now, will serve as an appropriate basis to elaborating a treaty that meets the aforementioned requirements. The concepts outlined in this document give shape to a flexible regime containing sufficient common ground the NATO document "Basic Elements" so as to start working together.

Thank you very much.

THE CHAIRMAN:

Thank you very much, Mr. Horn. That Warsaw Treaty document is circulated to Ministers.

Colleagues, let me now wear both my hats, as the Canadian Foreign Minister, and to some degree as Chairman. I think that this past day and a half have marked an important beginning in the construction of a new framework for political and security relations among our countries. This has obviously been a unique occasion.

It is the first time that Foreign Ministers of our countries have gathered together since the dawning of the new age of democracy and freedom in Eastern Europe.

We are meeting not as old adversaries, but as new partners in a new task, the task of building a durable peace in Europe.