

before the summer. It should be possible for the heads of state or government to sign that agreement at a summit this autumn. The tracks must now be laid. The talks that we hold here in Ottawa - bilaterally among our allies and among all conference participants -- afford an excellent opportunity in this respect. All participants are called upon to use this opportunity.

However, conventional arms control cannot be pursued in isolation. We, therefore, attach particular importance to expanding the system of confidence- and security-building measures agreed in Stockholm. We must make every effort so that the negotiations on a new set of CSBMs, in which all CSCE participants are involved, also produce results by the end of this year.

The open exchange of views between East and West at the recent seminar on security concepts and military doctrines within the framework of the CSBM negotiations reinforces the transition from confrontation to co-operation in Europe. The political changes cannot fail to have an impact on military doctrines and strategies. Military doctrines and strategies must exclusively serve the political goal of preventing war.

As soon as the implementation of a CFE agreement has started, negotiations must be commenced on the reduction of short-range nuclear missiles. Nuclear artillery must not be excluded from disarmament either.

The objective pursued by the United States and the Soviet Union of concluding by the end of this year an agreement halving their strategic nuclear arsenals also serves the security interests of the Europeans. We welcome the substantive progress made at the recent meeting of the foreign ministers in Moscow.

This year, 1990, we also have the opportunity to achieve a global ban on chemical weapons. These dreadful weapons of mass destruction must no longer have a place in our world. The risk of chemical weapons spreading to Third World countries can now only be averted by a global ban.

On the road to co-operative stability in Europe, the Atlantic Alliance and the Warsaw Treaty Organization have a special political steering function to perform. The two alliances are in the process of overcoming their antagonism and arriving at co-operation. Once their countries, once their members, achieve increasing co-operation, the alliances cannot and must not remain locked in confrontation. Our goal must be to attain security not through confrontation but through collaboration.

The alliances are acquiring new political functions with regard to confidence-building, dialogue and co-operation. They must help to form an East-West partnership for stability. They must become elements of new co-operative security structures by