

Mr. Chairman, my delegation looks forward to joining with others in new initiatives and to making the Madrid meeting an important milestone in strengthening security and deepening co-operation in Europe. However, it is essential that, before considering new proposals for further developing the CSCE process, we must ensure that there is a credible demonstration of political will among all the participating states to respect the principles and objectives of the Final Act to which we have already pledged our faith. We must work to restore confidence between the states participating in this meeting at Madrid and in this way to make a solid, realistic contribution to *détente*.