

The questions raised in this report, as well as the continuing political and military changes transforming East–West relations, will lead the Committee to engage in a study of *Confidence Building and Verification* in the upcoming months. In addition to examining the current East–West relationship, it will be important to assess how the lessons learned in Europe by the former adversaries in the Cold War might be used elsewhere to help ensure global stability and predictability.

As Chair of the Committee, I wish to salute the participation of all Members who worked so diligently to advance the cause of peace and security. They did so without a trace of partisan objectives. Additionally, on the behalf of all Committee Members, I would like to thank all witnesses for their candid and expert testimony. We offer special thanks to the military staff of Maritime Command and Maritime Command Pacific for sharing their expertise.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge the excellent work of the Clerk of the Committee and of our research staff from the Library of Parliament and from the Parliamentary Centre for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade. They have given excellent counsel, untiring effort and good humour.

The Committee looks forward to undertaking new studies in this period of rapid change. There could not be a more interesting and challenging period in which to be involved in questions of Canada's peace and security. We have been privileged to undertake this study.

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