

- all participants agreed that the negotiations would be facilitated if they were restricted to the 23 nations of the two military alliances in the first instance. Similarly, all of the participants agreed that it would be desirable to extend an invitation to the other states of Europe to join the regime once it was in operation in order to extend the confidence-building aspects of the Treaty to the entire territory of Europe. Exactly when such an invitation should be issued would depend upon the nature of the treaty as agreed amongst the 23 states of the two alliances;

- the international air traffic control system is capable of accepting "Open Skies" overflights with a minimum of change required. Even in the busy airspace of Central Europe, the existing structure can handle the impositions of an "Open Skies" regime. To the extent that modifications will be required, they revolve around the need to streamline existing procedures in order to ensure that overflights can be conducted on a short notice basis. Following from this point, it was agreed that persons with technical or organizational expertise in areas which will be relevant to "Open Skies" should be included in the negotiations from the beginning, in order to facilitate the discussions;