

involved in more cooperative relations between states and more open relations between people -- they are less likely to be considering the expansion of military potential. Conversely, if the participating governments find it impossible to take such decisions at this time, let no one underestimate the significance not only for the CSCE but also for relations between states with different political and economic systems. For my part, I think there is a considerable desire not only to come to a positive conclusion at the CSCE but to go on to ensure that what is accomplished on paper there will be put into practice. If that all-important step can be taken, there will be real reason for confidence in the development of East-West relations in the years to come.