

Treaty Organization stating that they are no longer adversaries. As well, CSCE states adopted a significant new set of military confidence- and security-building measures.

Canada, represented by the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for External Affairs, played a major role at the Summit to ensure that it established a conflict prevention centre and emphasized the human dimension of world events, two key interests of the CSCE.

Canadian aims at the Summit — such as the incorporation into the Charter of a strong commitment to the transatlantic link, the recommitment of CSCE states to the implementation of the

10 principles of the Helsinki Final Act (fundamental to the CSCE and subsequent commitments), and the launching of CSCE institutionalization — were successfully achieved.

In January and February 1991, a meeting of experts on the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes held in Valetta, Malta, documented a unique new procedure and a series of principles that establish a judicial framework for conciliation of disputes. Canada played a constructive role in negotiations including the proposal of the important principle of prior notification which would require advance warning to neighbouring countries of actions that might affect them.