

STANDARDS. IT HAS BEEN FOR THIS REASON THAT WE HAVE URGED ALL PARTICIPATING STATES, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CSCE, TO MAKE THE MAXIMUM EFFORT TO APPLY THEIR LAWS AFFECTING HUMAN CONTACTS IN A POSITIVE AND HUMANITARIAN SPIRIT IN ORDER TO OVERCOME PROBLEMS THAT ARISE AND TO FACILITATE A FREER MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE GENERALLY.

IN RECENT YEARS THERE HAS BEEN A CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN EAST-WEST CONTACTS AMONG THE CSCE STATES IN TERMS OF OFFICIAL, COMMERCIAL AND TOURIST TRAVEL. A NEW DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN THE LARGE INCREASE IN TOURIST TRAFFIC, INCLUDING THAT FROM CANADA, TO EASTERN EUROPE AND THE SOVIET UNION. THIS IS A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT, BUT THE TOURISM HAS BEEN VERY LARGELY IN ONE DIRECTION AND IT HAS OFTEN ALLOWED THE TOURIST LITTLE CONTACT WITH LOCAL CITIZENS. IN AT LEAST ONE STATE, CITIZENS HAVE NOT BEEN PERMITTED EVEN TO INVITE RELATIONS VISITING FROM ABROAD TO STAY IN THEIR HOMES.

THE NUMBER OF FAMILY VISITS TO CANADA FROM SOME COUNTRIES IN EASTERN EUROPE HAS INCREASED NOTABLY, ALLOWING IN SOME CASES REPEAT VISITS. FROM OTHER COUNTRIES IN EASTERN EUROPE, THERE HAS BEEN AT LEAST A SUSTAINED LEVEL OF FAMILY TRAVEL, BUT FAMILY TRAVEL TO CANADA FROM THE SOVIET UNION HAS DECLINED.

IN SOME STATES LIMITING EMIGRATION TO FAMILY REUNIFICATION, MORE FLEXIBILITY HAS BEEN SHOWN IN RECENT YEARS IN DEALING WITH CASES OF A HUMANITARIAN CHARACTER. THE HOLDING OF THIS MEETING HAS PROMPTED CANADA AND OTHER STATES SHARING IN PROBLEMS OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION TO REVIEW OUTSTANDING CASES, AND IT HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING TO FIND A RESPONSIVENESS ON THE PART OF SOME GOVERNMENTS TO OUR REPRESENTATIONS.