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1. Declaration on Principles

The representatives of the participating States reviewed the development of relations among the participating States and their efforts to promote security and co-operation in Europe, within the context of the following ten principles as set forth in the Final Act:

- I. Sovereign equality, respect for the rights inherent in sovereignty;
- II. Refraining from the threat or use of force;
- III. Inviolability of frontiers;
- IV. Territorial integrity of States;
- V. Peaceful settlement of disputes;
- VI. Non-intervention in internal affairs;
- VII. Respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief;
- VIII. Equal rights and self-determination of peoples;
- IX. Co-operation among States;
- X. Fulfilment in good faith of obligations under international law.

They stressed the importance of the Declaration on Principles which has proved to be a valuable code of conduct. Respect for, and the application of the principles had, in some cases, already given encouraging results but, in view of the experience acquired, shortcomings noted and problems faced, it was also recognized that it is indispensable to apply all these principles in a more comprehensive and consistent manner. Thus, the Declaration will serve the purpose of being an effective instrument for promoting mutual relations between the participating States and overcoming the confrontation stemming from the character of their past relations and for making continuing and lasting the process of détente.

The participating States call upon all parties concerned to increase their efforts in order to find peaceful solutions to the existing disputes. To this end they should sta

or resume meaningful and constructive negotiations and bring them to a successful end in accordance with the Declaration on Principles.

The participating States remain determined to base their relations, each of them with all other participating States, on the strict compliance with and implementation of the ten principles set forth in the Final Act, in all forms and activities of their relations and irrespective of their political, economic and social systems, thus further contributing to the strengthening of security and peace and to the development of co-operation in Europe. They are further determined to conduct their relations with all other States in the spirit of these principles.

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In this connection an exchange of views was also carried out on further implementation of the provisions of the Final Act concerning "Matters related to giving effect to certain of the above Principles" and consequently the participating States:

a/ reaffirm their determination to respect and give effect to refraining from the threat or use of force in their mutual relations and with all other States;

b/ convoke a meeting of experts, in accordance with the relevant decision included in the Final Act, which will pursue the examination and elaboration of a generally acceptable method for the peaceful settlement of disputes aimed at complementing existing methods, in conformity with the mandate contained in the Final Act. Taking note with appreciation of a communication received from the Government of Switzerland to this effect, they have decided that the meeting will start on 31st October 1978 at Montreux. (The participating States will send their representatives to this meeting, which will take place within the framework and under the procedures of the Follow-up to the Conference).

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2. Military Aspects

The representatives of the participating States noted that the confidence-building measures had been implemented in accordance with the Final Act. Although some differences in the manner and degree of implementation were observed, the experience had shown that these measures, to a certain extent, had contributed to strengthening confidence.

Furthermore they considered ways and means to deepen and intensify the implementation as well as to develop and enlarge such measures.

As a result the participating States adopted the following:

Prior notification of smaller scale military manoeuvres should be developed further. Smaller scale manoeuvres when carried out close to each other in time and space and which, together, exceed a total of 25.000 troops will be notified either as a major military manoeuvre or individually as smaller scale manoeuvres. Information on manoeuvres will also include notification of the types and numbers of the participating major units, e.g. brigades and/or divisions, the estimated starting and finishing dates of the movements of the forces involved as well as the period of absence from their regular duty stations.

Observers at military manoeuvres should be offered the best opportunity of acquiring a good overall picture of the manoeuvre and of observing adequately its development by ample and continuous information. They should be offered reasonable freedom of movement in the manoeuvre area, under escort, and the opportunity to follow the activities of field units as well as command staffs taking part in the manoeuvre. They should be given equal treatment.

Prior notification will be given of major military movements taking place into or within the applicable area, as defined for prior notification of major military manoeuvres. When

notifying they will apply the same provisions as adopted for major military manoeuvres with the additional information of the direction of the movements and the place of destination. They understand that the term "major military movement" is also applicable when the movement takes place in parts, divided in time and/or space which in the aggregate exceed a total of 25.000 troops, if such troops are moving for a co-ordinated purpose.

Appropriate, increased openness regarding military matters would contribute to confidence building as well as to reducing and eliminating causes of misunderstanding and overreaction. As an initial step they will promote openness with regard to their military budgets. They recognize the relevance and value of ongoing efforts to develop a satisfactory instrument for the consistent and comprehensive measurement and reporting of military expenditures by States.

They recognize that there are still additional means to promote confidence. In particular, further consideration will be given to the question of limiting major military manoeuvres to a total not exceeding 60.000 troops as well as to prior notification of naval manoeuvres and of smaller scale or naval movements near the territory of other participating States.

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The representatives of the participating States expressed the view that it is of the utmost importance and urgency for all participating States, each of them in accordance with the place and role they have in this process, to take effective steps towards halting the arms race and to pursue ongoing efforts in negotiating fora related to arms limitation and disarmament. Immediate steps towards these objectives should be taken also on a regional basis, in particular in Europe, where major military potentials are concentrated.

The participating States therefore declare their resolve to encourage world-wide disarmament measures both in the United Nations and in other disarmament fora, and to give their full support to the special session of the United Nations General

Assembly on disarmament, to be held in 1978, in order that it may lead to positive results and constitute the beginning of genuine process of disarmament. They transmit to the fora indicated above the sense of urgency felt by the Belgrade Meeting concerning the need to achieve progress in the field of arms limitation and disarmament.

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3. Co-operation in the Field of Economics, of Science and Technology and of the Environment

The representatives of the participating States noted that in many fields the general economic situation had not favoured the efforts to implement the economic provisions of the Final Act.

They thus considered that the development of their mutual trade and industrial co-operation, as well as the realisation of projects of common interest, in spite of progress achieved, had been hampered by still existing obstacles of all kinds and did not reflect the full potential of their economies.

The participating States express their intention to intensify their efforts with a view to ensuring a dynamic development of trade and the diversification of its structure. Taking into consideration the varying degree of progress achieved, they will endeavour to accelerate the process of reduction or progressive elimination of all kinds of obstacles and, to this end, intensify the multilateral work going on in this field including that in the ECE. They will also seek not to introduce any kind of new obstacles.

They furthermore express their readiness to examine all possible measures to facilitate international trade in medical drugs and instruments.

The representatives of the participating States noted the improvement in the availability of economic and commercial information, but also with regard to business contacts and facilities, and acknowledged the need for further efforts in these fields.

The participating States declare their readiness to make further efforts aimed at wider participation of small and medium-sized firms in trade and industrial co-operation. They also intend to provide for greater participation of trading firms in their mutual trade, the further reduction of obstacles to business travel, and improvement, where necessary, of telecommunication and postal services.

The participating States, when publishing economic and commercial information reflecting economic developments, will endeavour to use a nomenclature which ensures continuity in the monitoring of changes. They consider that statistical information should permit comparability, be as specific as possible, supplemented by corresponding data in absolute terms, and be available as quickly as possible. They affirm their willingness to make the necessary efforts to complete as soon as possible the work undertaken within the ECE on the harmonization of statistical nomenclatures, in particular on the completion of the conversion key. They recognize the usefulness of making economic and commercial information existing in other participating States more readily available to business circles in their countries and of encouraging national chambers of commerce, public trade promotion offices, firms, and businessmen to increase their activities in this field.

Noting the work done in the field of marketing, inter alia in the ECE, they consider it desirable to encourage publicity campaigns by exporters aimed directly at consumers of exported goods.

The representatives of the participating States expressed their awareness that industrial co-operation plays an increasingly important role in their economic, technological and scientific relations. It is considered desirable to identify new forms of co-operation, including such as may be suitable for joint activities in third markets, to contribute further to the simplification of the procedures and techniques of negotiation of industrial co-operation agreements, and to intensify the exchange of all kinds of information in this field. The participating States will furthermore seek to find concrete ways and means to reach these objectives. With this in mind, they will support a study in the ECE on the feasibility of a center for industrial co-operation.

They will also encourage work in the ECE towards the elaboration of a procedure for the initiation of projects of common interest and joint projects in the field of science and technology.

In view of the vital role of energy in economic activity, the participating States recognize the need for increased long-term mutual co-operation in this field in order to ensure a secure and better supply of energy. To this end, they declare their readiness to hold as soon as possible, within the framework of the ECE, expert meetings with the task to elaborate by means of detailed exchanges of information and views an energy balance for Europe, and to formulate on this basis proposals for the possible areas and forms of future co-operation in the field of energy.

The representatives of the participating States expressed satisfaction with a number of positive developments in the field of science and technology, while the need is recognized for a continued increase in co-operation at the bilateral and multilateral levels and in all kinds of contacts between scientists and specialists. The participating States are ready to encourage more advanced forms of co-operation and attach particular importance to the question concerning the study and transfer of the achievements of contemporary science and technology. They furthermore will encourage co-operation among relevant research centres and specialists in the field of agriculture.

The representatives of the participating States noted with concern the degradation of the environment but expressed appreciation with the efforts undertaken at different levels, in particular in the ECE, and reaffirmed the will of their States to press on with this work. The participating States consider that the convening, within the framework of the ECE, of a high-level meeting on the environment could be an important contribution to the protection and the improvement of the environment, and express the hope that a decision to convene such a meeting will be taken by the 33rd session of the ECE, on the basis of ECE resolution 1 (XXXII) and the conditions set forth therein.

With regard to transport, the representatives of the participating States recognized the results achieved in a number of technical fields but they called for further progress towards increased co-operation as well as more equitable participation in international transport. The participating States declare their

readiness to hold expert meetings within the framework of the ECE at which the possibility of an all-European inland waterway concept should be examined by means of an exchange of information and experience.

Moreover the representatives of the participating States noted the economic and other benefits ensuing from steadily increasing tourism between their countries.

The participating States also recognize that further concerted efforts are required in order to solve the problems of migrant labour. To this end, they recommend that the host countries and the countries of origin should strengthen their efforts to improve, by all appropriate means, the situation of migrant workers, including their economic, social, human and other rights, in all areas covered by the provisions of the Final Act concerning migrant labour, and on the basis of existing agreements.

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They express their intention, when concluding bilateral agreements and protocols concerning co-operation in the field of economics, of science and technology and of environment, to favour the use of wordings which would further the practical application of the relevant texts of the Final Act.

The participating States also recognize the need to take into account their different levels of development and the interest of those countries among them which are developing from the economic point of view. In particular, they stress the need for further joint efforts towards solving the problems of the developing countries throughout the world, and express their readiness to contribute to promoting stable and equitable international economic relations.

Throughout their discussions, the representatives of the participating States recognized the valuable work done by the ECE as the main instrument for multilateral implementation of the relevant provisions of the Final Act, and they considered it of the greatest importance to continue the work already initiated there. They declared the determination of their States to take further steps to increase their co-operation in the ECE in field of particular interest to them, and to reinforce the authority of the organization.

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4. Human Contacts

The representatives of the participating States noted with satisfaction that some progress had been made in the field of human contacts. Taking into consideration, however, the shortcomings still existing and conscious of their readiness to continue the expansion of co-operation in humanitarian fields, as provided for in the Final Act, the participating States agreed that further measures were needed to fully implement its relevant provisions, in particular by

- ensuring that applications relating to contacts and regular meetings on the basis of family ties, reunification of families, and marriage between citizens of different states, will be resolved in a positive and humanitarian spirit within the shortest possible time limits; applicants and the members of their families will continue to enjoy the same rights, concerning inter alia their legal, social and professional status, and to be submitted to the same obligations;
- ensuring adequate information as to the procedures to be followed by applicants in the above-mentioned fields;
- continuing to lower gradually the fees charged in connection with applications and official travel documents including passports, so as to ensure that they are at a moderate level in relation to the average income in the respective participating States;
- further facilitating wider travel by their citizens for personal and professional reasons, through reducing requirements for travel documents as well as exit- and entry-visas, where they exist;
- stressing the importance of contacts among governmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as among young people and youth-organizations, inter alia through study-visits, seminars, symposia, cultural and other meetings;

- further facilitating contacts, meetings, exchange of and freer access to information among religious faiths, institutions and organizations and their representatives in the field of their activities, in accordance with all the possibilities provided for in the Final Act.

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5. Information

The representatives of the participating States noted that the improvement in the circulation of, access to and exchange of information was still in its initial stage, and that further efforts were necessary to reach the freer and wider dissemination of information of all kinds called for in the Final Act, especially in the field of printed information. They expressed satisfaction as to the degree of co-operation attained in the field of information, especially between radio and television organisations, and expressed the hope that such co-operation will also become more active between other news media and their journalists. They noted some progress in the improvement of working conditions for journalists, but felt that these conditions still vary, thus calling for further efforts.

To this end, the participating States intend in particular:

- to facilitate further the importation, sale and subscription of newspapers and periodicals by making full use of the possibilities contained in the Final Act;
- to encourage and facilitate further bilateral and multilateral co-operation among press agencies;
- to simplify further existing requirements for all foreign journalists to enter and leave, as well as to stay and travel, within a participating State, with the documentation necessary for their work;
- to facilitate, in all aspects, the work of foreign journalists carried out in line with their professional activity, inter alia, access to sources;
- to facilitate the creation and activities of foreign press associations in their capitals;
- to encourage efforts towards further dissemination of the full text of the Final Act, to the widest possible public, through information media;

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In order to implement further the objectives of the Final Act in the field of information, the participating States decide to convoke a meeting of experts in, starting on, 1979. This meeting will prepare a convention on the working conditions of foreign journalists and elaborate specific measures for the wider dissemination of printed information, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Final Act and on the basis of proposals made at the Belgrade Meeting as well as proposals which might be made at the meeting of experts.

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6. Culture and Education

1) The representatives of the participating States noted that the implementation of the provisions of the Final Act relating to culture and education had positive effects on the development of co-operation in these fields, and on the deepening of mutual understanding and confidence.

2) They also noted that numerous possibilities offered by the Final Act had not been sufficiently utilized in encouraging co-operation and contacts among institutions, organizations and persons active in these fields. The participating States confirmed their resolve to encourage and, where possible, to support such activities with a view to achieve a more dynamic and overall utilization of these possibilities, thus ensuring a comprehensive realization of the provisions and objectives set forth in the Final Act.

3) With these aims in mind, the participating States agreed on the following:

Co-operation and Exchanges in the Field of Culture

- to declare the year 1980 as the "Year of Cultural Co-operation among the States participating in the CSCE", and to this end to encourage, and when possible, to support unilateral, bilateral and multilateral measures aimed at a more comprehensive acquaintance with the culture of the participating States.

The participating States will have bilateral and multilateral contacts, including contacts within UNESCO, in order to encourage and prepare such measures, [the organization of a meeting of specialists in the field of culture, and a closing artistic event which will be held in on] They will be guided by the relevant proposals and ideas expressed at the Belgrade Meeting;

- to encourage the widening of mutual knowledge and understanding by facilitating the supply of, and access to, books and other artistic works by authors from other participating States, as well as by improving the exchange of experience concerning the

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implementation of the relevant parts of the Final Act and of their mutual cultural agreements and programmes;

- to encourage co-operation in the fields of preservation and protection of cultural heritage, the organization of a seminar on the restoration of historical and cultural works, the holding of artistic events in various fields, an international sculpture workshop of young artists, as well as an exhibition of architecture and town planning; *[PL could well agree to create better conditions for strengthening the protection of cultural and artistic property.]*
- to ensure the security of, and access to, cultural and other events where citizens of other participating States are involved; *[they will endeavour to] USA*

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Co-operation and Exchanges in the Field of Education

It should be noted that

- the meeting of experts envisaged in the Final Act in order to prepare a "Scientific Forum" will take place in Bonn starting on 20 June 1978 (and will be conducted within the framework of the Follow-up to the Conference and of its rules of procedure). Representatives of UNESCO and the ECE shall be invited to state their views; *[upon invitation of FRG]*
- to improve scientific research concerning the problems of security and co-operation in Europe; *[USA: To ensure all class teachers are given possibilities to open activities. Exchange of information, catalogues + etc.]* *[to improve also possibilities to use the lists and catalogues of open archival documentation, as well as to use the official documents of the CSCE;]* *peace [UNESCO]*
- to encourage the teaching and study of less widely studied languages, as well as the holding of seminars on the translation, publication and dissemination of books, especially those produced in these languages; *[by facilitating appropriate assistance to educational institutions or will of the]*
- to intensify their efforts to solve problems concerning the comparison and equivalence between academic degrees and diplomas. *[continued to (USA)]* *[holding of most of spec. or some + publ. of which produced in these languages]*

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The participating States will make further efforts within UNESCO, in order to implement fully the relevant provisions of the Final Act reserved to this organization.

The participating States, promoting their co-operation in the field of culture and education, will, in compliance with

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the relevant provisions of the Final Act, take into account the ^{interest (right)} requirements of national minorities and regional cultures, as well as the possibilities of their contribution to the co-operation between them in this field. *[when such minorities of cultures exist within their territories]*

UKSS: Return to facilitate further, in the light of the relevant provisions of the F.A. the possible contribution to this cooperation of national minorities and/or regional cultures where such exist in their territories.