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Following the decision taken by the first Summit of the Pentagonale of the 1st August 1990, we would like to forward to the participating States of the CSCE a message of the Prime Ministers of Italy, Yugoslavia, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

Exactly 15 years after the signing of the Helsinki Final Act, the Prime Ministers of our five Countries have solemnly reaffirmed their common determination to further strengthen the CSCE process, as it moves into a qualitatively new stage of European relations.

The cooperation which has developed on the economic, scientific and cultural levels among our five States, some of which were until last year divided by unnatural ideological barriers, is a remarkable proof of the determination to actively contribute to the building of a new Europe, based on ever closer cooperation relating to and encompassing all the mutually interdependent aspects of the various European States. A Europe, we should add, where regional cooperation such as the one established in the Pentagonale will play a vital role.

As we approach the Paris Summit, which will be one of the most significant events in the CSCE, the Prime Ministers of our five countries have underlined the priorities which should guide our common action. We look forward to pursuing them in close association with all our partners in the CSCE process.

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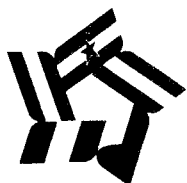
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To
The Heads of Delegation
of the 35 Participating States
to the Preparatory Committee
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PENTAGONALE

**MESSAGE OF THE FIVE PRIME MINISTERS
OF
ITALY, YUGOSLAVIA, AUSTRIA,
CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY
TO THE THIRTY-FIVE MEMBERS OF THE CSCE**

**Through the Preparatory Committee
of the Paris Summit**

Today, 1st August 1990, exactly 15 years after the signature of the Helsinki Final Act, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Hungary and Yugoslavia are meeting for the first Summit of the Pentagonale. The choice of this date is meaningful and the members of the Pentagonale thereby desire to convey a message to all the CSCE States through the Preparatory Committee of the CSCE Summit in Paris, which will be one of the most significant events in the CSCE.

Five States, some of which were divided by an unnatural ideological barrier until last year, have agreed to develop close cooperation on the economic, scientific and cultural levels. This is certainly a remarkable contribution to the Europe we intend to build, which will essentially rely on qualitatively more advanced forms of cooperation relating to and encompassing all the mutually interdependent aspects of the various European States. These States will concurrently strengthen their mutual relations so as to provide a tangible content for the future architecture of Europe. In this regard we believe that regional cooperation can play a vital role. After all this reflects the spirit and the letter of the Helsinki Final Act, especially where it commits the States to develop their mutual cooperation in all sectors, and of the Vienna Final Document. This will be facilitated if first steps towards the institutionalisation of the CSCE are undertaken.

The initiative launched by the five countries of the Pentagonale must be seen in this context. It is a meaningful example of the new relations established, which can be further developed once our continent is fully freed from the ideological barriers and divisions into blocs from which it has hitherto suffered.

Shifting from ideological rivalry to the implementation of joint programmes in the economic field and in the other sectors of social life will be the most effective way of avoiding any temptation to revert to the past. Regional cooperation is useful in overcoming friction

and misunderstanding between adjoining cultures and ethnic groups. This is why special importance has been attributed to the question of minorities, to the promotion of their rights and to the creation of conditions for the preservation of their national identity. This should be viewed in the context of human rights and of their consideration in the framework of the CSCE. Bearing this concern in mind, at the Copenhagen Meeting of the Conference on Human Dimension of the CSCE the five Countries united their efforts in order to have a significant document approved especially as far as protection of national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities is concerned. They favour discussion of this issue at the forthcoming Paris Summit meeting and support the holding of an expert meeting on this issue in 1991 as discussed in Copenhagen.

Lastly, regional cooperation means contributing to the creation of a European economic and cultural area based on common roots and interests, which will be achieved more easily if it is developed as a process which, starting from the bottom - namely regional realities and peculiarities - can be completed progressively.

The objective of a future Europe we conceive as peaceful, united and democratic will be reached more rapidly if we are able to promote a network of relations between our countries and our peoples, relying on the experience of daily, practical work in common.

The Member States of the Pentagonale desire that the Paris Summit lead to a system of political consultation which can play a coordinating role and act as driving force in the whole CSCE process, as well as to appropriate structures in the field of security.

At the same time they consider that the Ten Principles must be solemnly reaffirmed. These principles, which were adopted 15 years ago in Helsinki, are still the main reference point for intra-European relations. We want also to stress once again the general recognition that the principles of the rule of law, of parliamentary and pluralistic democracy, free market economy and social progress constitute the basic elements of our future Europe.