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Mr Chairman,

In setting up this committee, the foreign ministers of the CSCE participating countries laid the foundations in Copenhagen on 5 June for the preparation of the CSCE summit at Paris this autumn. In accordance with the mandate, we shall present to the governments suitable recommendations for the holding of the summit and will in this connection draft one or more documents.

My delegation feels that the work of the preparatory committee should be guided by the following basic considerations: The summit will be shaped by the opportunity now existing for bringing about a tangible peaceful order in Europe. It will open a new chapter in the CSCE process and in European history and break new ground in creating one Europe. The central task now is to develop the CSCE process - by fashioning and promoting wide-ranging cooperation in all three baskets - into a pan-European framework of stability that includes cooperative security structures. The objective of the summit is therefore to intensify and strengthen cooperation, confidence, stability and security in a comprehensive sense extending beyond military aspects alone.

The completely changed situation in Europe, the basic consensus on a new Europe marked by the rule of law, democracy and social market economies, as impressively demonstrated by the successful CSCE meeting in Bonn and the breakthrough in Copenhagen, as well as common security interests: These are the favourable conditions for a successful outcome to the summit. They are also the yardstick by which the quality and efficiency of our committee's work have to be measured.

Mr Chairman,

Our work in coping with the complex and extensive tasks assigned to this committee should be organized in such a way that our deliberations may lead as quickly as possible in the time available to initial concrete results. I consider it essential that we devote ourselves without delay to our main task, that of drafting a concluding document. For this purpose, precise ideas should be quickly developed and coordinated among the 35 countries.

As a first tangible contribution to this central subject, I would like to present in outline my delegation's views on the possible shape and contents of this concluding document:

1. Considering that the summit will be held at the highest political level and will probably last only three days, the document should be clear and concise in substance as well as solemnly and attractively worded in view of its outstanding political importance. We should therefore seek to draft a single document and not various texts on individual subjects or baskets because this might unnecessarily impair the message and public impact of the summit's decisions. As key elements the document should contain decisions on the CSCE institutions. But the operative details themselves should be included in annexes so as not to overburden the document.
2. The document should consist of a preamble, three main parts and several annexes.

Main part I would comprise the following elements: reaffirmation of the important role of the CSCE in the transformation and unification of Europe as well as accentuation of the central significance of the CSCE: The CSCE is the necessary framework for stability and cooperation in Europe and makes a decisive contribution towards deepening the ongoing reform processes.

The document should start with a solemn reaffirmation of the principles of the Helsinki Final Act. With a view to developing a new network of relations among the participating states based on the principles of the Final Act, the CSCE's role in the future architecture of Europe should be enunciated and defined. Finally, a section should deal with the balanced advancement of the CSCE process in all its aspects and areas, especially the following: creation of pluralistic democracies, the rule of law, human rights, better protection of minorities, human contacts, security, economic cooperation, environmental protection, closer cooperation in the Mediterranean region as well as cooperation in the cultural sector.

The second main part of the document should deal with strengthening and intensifying security and stability in Europe. This would first include a reaffirmation of the results of the Vienna negotiations on conventional forces in Europe and on confidence- and security-building measures. One should emphasize the importance of continuing these negotiations without a break in order to create a stable and lasting framework for security in the whole of Europe. In addition, guidelines could be established for the development of a democratic and pluralistic Europe and the consolidation of the rule of law and for future economic relations and cooperation.

The third main part of the concluding document should, in my delegation's opinion, concern the institutionalization of the CSCE process. As a permanent confidence-building measure, so to speak, new CSCE institutions would provide a firm framework for including all participating states in shaping and controlling political, economic and security processes in Europe. The institutions would thus contribute directly and substantially towards strengthening confidence, stability and security in Europe. The document should contain agreements on regular meetings of the heads of state or government and of the foreign ministers as well as the decision to set up a small secretariat. In addition, this part of the document could include decisions on the creation of new mechanisms in the field of security and cooperation in Europe, an innovative and efficient set of instruments for the prevention of conflicts. Further operative elements might be an invitation to parliamentary bodies to participate actively in the CSCE process as well as the definition of the relationship between the CSCE and other relevant institutions, such as the Council of Europe.

The annexes to the concluding document should contain details of the functions and structures of the CSCE institutions mentioned in the document proper.

Mr Chairman,

We are faced with an important task. I am convinced that we will perform it successfully in the new spirit of European cooperation and solidarity.

Should my outline for a concluding document meet with the basic support of the other delegations, I would like to suggest that the substantive work of the preparatory committee be organized according to this structure of the document. Provided that all other delegations subscribe to similar ideas, this would be, I feel, a plausible and practical basis for successfully structuring our work.