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to the Preparatory Committee for the Summit Meeting in
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Mr. Chairman,

We are but a few days apart from the date, on which 15 years ago the 35 Leaders of European States, USA and Canada put their signatures to the Helsinki Final Act having initiated thereby the European process.

In a few months the world will witness yet another Summit where a new generation of leaders of the Helsinki Participating States will partake. And that will be highly symbolic.

The present period is the period of vehement changes, and the Paris Summit Conference will convene in entirely new environment of a rapidly changing Europe; Europe where equal security for all based on cooperation, common human values, the rule of law, pluralistic democracy are coming to the forefront.

Speaking about the character of Europe present and future we do not forget another key word, stability. In other words, we stand for preserving stability that is dynamic rather than frozen, and capable of perceiving of and adaptation to new needs and challenges of time. As the experience proves, the road to such a stability goes through further progress of the CSCE process in all areas, through the enhanced role as the main instrument of stability and cooperation on the Continent, through the creation of new security institutes and structures. It is no coincidence that we all speak about a new European architecture. Much has been done on various levels to make this goal a reality.

To-day the first phase of our Committee's work draws to a conclusion, and it was a productive one. During the short time-span we've managed to make a considerable headway. By a large measure, and

I should like to stress this specifically, this was facilitated by a constructive and pragmatic atmosphere from the very first days of our work here at Hofburg.

We return to our capitals with a broad understanding of the Agenda for the forthcoming Summit Conference in Paris and the basic elements of its Final Document. The skeleton of new CSCE structures and institutions has evolved. We have quality material for our August homework in preparation for a new round, which would have as a final product a Draft Final Document of the Paris Summit.

Of course, the main work is still ahead and not an easy one. But provided we maintain our present esprit de corps to work jointly, willingness to seek a balance of interests, co-creativity, we will succeed in this task.

The New-York meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the CSCE Participating States is destined to become an important staging point on the road to Paris. That meeting, we are confident, will provide a new major impetus to our work.

We see the significance of the New-York meeting, inter alia, in continuation and consolidation of the practice of Foreign Ministers' meetings as an important instrument of a political dialogue within the Helsinki process.

Within the framework of this dialogue, it is deemed, our Ministers would see it necessary to meet once again to approve the results of the preparatory work for the Paris Summit Meeting. We have already proposed to consider the possibility of such a meeting in Vienna.

Mr Chairman

In expressing satisfaction with productive conclusion of the first round of our work, I would like to thank all those who contributed to this end.

Thank You.