

CSCE
FIRST ADDITIONAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELSINKI 1992

Helsinki Additional Meeting of the CSCE Council

24 March 1992

Summary of Conclusions

I.

1. The Council of the CSCE held its First Additional Meeting in Helsinki on 24 March 1992.

2. The Ministers welcomed Croatia, Georgia and Slovenia as participating States, following receipt of letters accepting CSCE commitments and responsibilities from each of them (Annexes 1-3). The Ministers do not consider that the admission of Croatia and Slovenia affects in any way the Conference on Yugoslavia nor prejudices the results of this Conference. The Ministers support the efforts of the Brussels Conference on Yugoslavia in search of an overall political settlement of the Yugoslav crisis.

II.

3. The Ministers expressed their deep concern about the continuing escalation of the armed conflict in and around Nagorno-Karabakh and the resulting increased suffering and loss of life of the inhabitants. They held an extensive discussion of ways and means to end the conflict, bearing in mind the implications for regional and international security which could result from its continuation and further extension. They called upon all parties to exercise restraint.

4. The Ministers reiterated in the strongest terms the call for an immediate and effective cease-fire including an active commitment by responsible local commanders to its implementation. They issued an appeal for the re-establishment of conditions for confidence and constructive dialogue, including the cessation of measures of economic and political constraint.

5. The Ministers reviewed the ongoing action within the CSCE framework and endorsed in their entirety the decisions taken by the Committee of Senior Officials. They expressed their appreciation for the activities of the Chairman-in-Office of the CSCE undertaken in this connection and stressed their willingness to extend all possible assistance to him whenever it is needed.

6. The Ministers welcomed the complementary efforts made by the European Community and its member States, by the member States of the Commonwealth of Independent States, by the members of the North Atlantic Co-operation Council, and, in particular, the efforts made by the United Nations Secretary-General.

They requested the Chairman-in-Office of the CSCE to keep in close contact with the United Nations in this respect and to arrange for regular exchanges of information.

The Ministers agreed that the CSCE must play a major role in promoting a peace process relating to the conflict. They agreed that the situation in and around Nagorno-Karabakh requires further CSCE action.

7. The Ministers mandated the Chairman-in-Office of the CSCE Council of Ministers, Mr. Jiří Dienstbier, to visit the region shortly in order to contribute, in particular, to the establishment and maintenance of an effective cease-fire as well as to the establishment of a framework for an overall peaceful settlement.

8. The Ministers expressed their firm conviction that a conference on Nagorno-Karabakh under the auspices of the CSCE would provide an ongoing forum for negotiations towards a peaceful settlement of the crisis on the basis of the principles, commitments and provisions of the CSCE. The Ministers therefore requested the Chairman-in-Office of the CSCE Council of Ministers to convene such a conference as soon as possible.

9. The Ministers furthermore agreed that this Conference, which will take place in Minsk, will have as participants Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Russian Federation, Sweden, Turkey and United States of America. Elected and other representatives of Nagorno-Karabakh will be invited to the Conference as interested parties by the Chairman of the Conference after consultation with the States participating at the Conference. The Chairman-in-Office of the

CSCE Council will appoint the Chairman of the Conference on Nagorno-Karabakh under the auspices of the CSCE.

10. The Ministers urged all CSCE participating States and all concerned parties to take all necessary steps to ensure that humanitarian assistance is provided to all those in need through rapid and effective means including safe corridors under international control.

11. The Ministers noted the commitment of Armenia and Azerbaijan to fully support the mission of the Chairman-in-Office of the CSCE Council to the region as well as other actions on which the CSCE Council has agreed and appeal to these two countries to pursue actively this commitment to reach a lasting, peaceful solution.

III.

12. The Ministers agreed that the Stockholm Council Meeting will be held on 14-15 December 1992.

Zagreb, 23 March 1992

Mr. Jiří Dienstbier,
Chairman-in-Office of the
CSCE Council

Mr. Minister,

The Government of the Republic of Croatia hereby adopts the Helsinki Final Act, the Charter of Paris for a New Europe and all other documents of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

The Government of the Republic of Croatia accepts in their entirety all commitments and responsibilities contained in those documents, and declares its determination to act in accordance with their provisions.

Referring to the decision of the Committee of Senior Officials of the CSCE on 22 October 1991 to form a Human Rights Rapporteur Mission, the Republic of Croatia specifically invites this Mission to visit Croatia. The Government of Croatia will do everything possible to facilitate and assist this Mission. The Government of Croatia is confident that this Mission will inform the participating States of progress in Croatia towards full implementation of CSCE commitments as well as assist Croatia towards reaching that objective.

The Government of the Republic of Croatia expresses its readiness for signature of the Final Act and the Charter of Paris by the Head of State or Government of the Republic of Croatia, at the earliest convenience.

I kindly ask you, Mr. Minister, to circulate copies of this letter to all representatives of the participating States of the CSCE at the Council of Ministers.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Mate Granic
Deputy Prime Minister

Tbilisi, 28 February 1992

To the Foreign Minister of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic
as Chairman-in-Office of the CSCE Council of Ministers

Dear Mr. Minister,

The Government of the Republic of Georgia hereby adopts the Helsinki Final Act, the Charter of Paris for a New Europe, and all other documents of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

The Government of the Republic of Georgia accepts in their entirety all commitments and responsibilities contained in those documents, and declares its determination to act in accordance with their provisions.

Concerning the Vienna Document on Confidence- and Security-building Measures, the Government of the Republic of Georgia agrees to apply all the provisions of the Vienna Document on CSBMs, and to an understanding that the geographic scope of its application should be revised as soon as possible in order to ensure full effect of the rules of transparency, predictability and conflict prevention on its territory. Specific provisions on the above matter will be negotiated in the CSBM Negotiations and included in the Vienna Document 1992.

The Government of the Republic of Georgia recognizes the requirement for prompt entry into force of the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe. To that end, the Government of the Republic of Georgia underlines the need for States with territory in the CFE area of application to undertake to move forward promptly with the ratification of the CFE Treaty and to assume, in co-operation with other relevant newly independent States, all CFE obligations of the former Soviet Union.

The Government of the Republic of Georgia invites and will fully facilitate the visit of the Rapporteur Mission to be arranged by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the CSCE. This Mission will report to the participating States on progress in the Republic of Georgia toward full implementation of CSCE commitments and provide assistance toward that objective.

The Government of the Republic of Georgia will concur in the admission of all other States established on the territory of the former Soviet Union as full participating States.

The Government of the Republic of Georgia expresses its readiness for signature of the Helsinki Final Act and the Charter of Paris by the Head of Government of the Republic of Georgia at the earliest convenience.

I kindly ask you, Mr. Minister, to circulate copies of this letter to all representatives of the participating States of the CSCE Council of Ministers.

Please accept, Mr. Minister, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

T. Japaridze
Deputy Minister

Ljubljana, 23 March

1992

Mr. Jiří Dienstbier,
Chairman-in-Office of the
CSCE Council

Mr. Minister,

The Government of the Republic of Slovenia hereby adopts the Helsinki Final Act, the Charter of Paris for a New Europe and all other documents of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

The Government of the Republic of Slovenia accepts in their entirety all commitments and responsibilities contained in those documents, and declares its determination to act in accordance with their provisions.

Referring to the decision of the Committee of Senior Officials of the CSCE on 22 October 1991 to form a Human Rights Rapporteur Mission, the Republic of Slovenia specifically invites this Mission to visit Slovenia. The Government of Slovenia will do everything possible to facilitate and assist this Mission. The Government of Slovenia is confident that this Mission will inform the participating States of progress in Slovenia towards full implementation of CSCE commitments as well as assist Slovenia towards reaching that objective.

The Government of the Republic of Slovenia expresses its readiness for signature of the Final Act and the Charter of Paris by the Head of State or Government of the Republic of Slovenia, at the earliest convenience.

I kindly ask you, Mr. Minister, to circulate copies of this letter to all representatives of the participating States of the CSCE at the Council of Ministers.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Dimitrij Rupel
Minister for Foreign Affairs