

REPORT
OF THE MEETING OF EXPERTS REPRESENTING THE
PARTICIPATING STATES OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE, FORESEEN BY THE FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE AND
THE CONCLUDING DOCUMENT OF THE MADRID MEETING, IN ORDER TO
PURSUE, ON THE BASIS OF THE FINAL ACT, THE EXAMINATION OF A
GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE METHOD FOR THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF
DISPUTES AIMED AT COMPLEMENTING EXISTING METHODS

In accordance with the mandate of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, in conformity with the recommendation contained in the Report of the Montreux Meeting of Experts, and in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Concluding Document of the Madrid Meeting 1980, a Meeting of Experts representing the participating States took place in Athens from 21 March to 30 April 1984 in order to pursue, on the basis of the Final Act, the examination of a generally acceptable method for the peaceful settlement of disputes aimed at complementing existing methods. The participants took into account the common approach set forth in the Report of the Montreux Meeting of Experts.

At the opening session the participants were addressed by Mr. Yiannis Capsis, Deputy Foreign Minister, on behalf of the Government of Greece.

The participants adopted an agenda and proceeded to a general exchange of views after which a number of proposals were submitted and discussed. A thorough discussion was held. Some progress was made in the examination of a generally acceptable method for the peaceful settlement of disputes aimed at complementing existing methods. Particular emphasis was put on ways and means of including a third party element in such a method. Divergent views were expressed and no consensus was reached on a method. It was recognized that further discussions should be pursued in an appropriate framework within the CSCE process.

The participants expressed their deep gratitude to the Government of Greece for the excellent organization of the Meeting and for the warm hospitality extended to them during their stay in Athens.

Athens, 30 April 1984