

Delegation of Switzerland to the OSCE

**STATEMENT BY
SWITZERLAND AT THE CLOSING PLENARY MEETING OF THE
FIRST ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE**

Mr. Chairman,

By way of conclusion, let me single out a few notable aspects of this Conference.

1. With regard to the work in the individual working groups:

Working Group A:

We are of the opinion that the OSCE is making an essential contribution to the extensive international efforts to combat terrorism. The role of various OSCE institutions in supporting the participating States in the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1373 was quite rightly emphasized.

Working Group B:

Here, we are pleased to note the consensus that arms control, including confidence- and security-building measures, is useful for promoting stability and predictability. Both these aspects are more necessary than ever before in a time of diffuse and unpredictable developments. Full implementation of the *acquis* will help to consolidate security co-operation.

Working Group C:

The discussion provided clear indications of the risks and threats with which our Organization will continue to be confronted. It became clear that, in this context, the OSCE will have to adapt itself. At the same time, in these endeavours it will be able to build on a solid foundation that already exists.

Working Group D:

We are pleased to note that the consultative nature of this Conference was fully developed in this working group. Without any formal commitments being made, new innovative ideas were put forward on the basis of the experience gained. There was consensus with regard to the most important aspects of the OSCE's activities, which are definitely to be found in the area of conflict prevention and post-conflict rehabilitation. Like a

number of delegations, we are of the opinion that the OSCE's possibilities in the field of conflict management are rather limited.

2. With regard to a preliminary evaluation of the Conference:

We believe that the Conference has clearly achieved one aim, namely that of promoting an open and enriching exchange of opinions. What has, however, not been achieved in our opinion is the goal of conducting a discriminative review of all the instruments of the three dimensions. The range of subjects was probably too wide. For the purpose of a comprehensive discussion of all dimensions, it would therefore be advisable to concentrate on more narrowly defined subjects.

The numerous suggestions should now be incorporated into the work on the OSCE Strategy.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.