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ARMS CONTROL AND REGIONAL SECURITY WORKING GROUP

ACHIEVEMENTS

• Process Confidence Building Measures
  - Interactions: 15 regional parties met in 6 plenaries and scores of expert workshops between January 1992 and September 1995
  - In-Region Venues: Several meetings held in the region: Egypt, Jordan, Qatar, Tunisia.

• Communications Confidence Building Measures
  - Temporary ACRS Communications Network Established: The ACRS Network became operational in March 1995, using the OSCE network hub in The Hague. In preparation for this network, parties agreed to guidelines for standard operational procedures and several parties participated in a network training course.
  - Permanent ACRS Communications Network: ACRS decided to locate the permanent network hub in Cairo, and request for proposals were sent out to vendors for submission on technical specifications needed to establish the permanent hub.

• Military Information Exchange Confidence Building Measures
  - Prenotification Agreement: ACRS parties adopted an agreement "Prenotification of Certain Military Activities in the Tunis Plenary December 1994. This agreement included procedures for notifying other regional parties about certain military events such as the movement of 4,000 troops and 110 tanks.
  - Military Data: Parties agreed on the format and types of military information to be exchanged initially, such as senior officers resumes, but no data was exchanged.

• Maritime Confidence Building Measures
  - INCSEA Agreement: Experts concluded text "Guidelines for Operating Procedures for maritime Cooperation and Conduct in the Prevention of Incidents On and Over the Sea in the Middle East." Text was approved at the Tunis plenary in December 1994. Parties observed an INCSEA demonstration off the coast of Italy. ACRS was moving towards implementation of the guidelines when the working group ended.
  - SAR Agreement: Experts concluded text for "Framework for Maritime Search and Rescue Cooperation." Text approved at the Tunis plenary in December 1994. Parties observed a SAR demonstration off the coast of Italy. ACRS was moving towards implementation of the framework when the working group ended.
  - Senior Maritime Officers Symposia. First symposium was held in August 1994. A second symposium was being planned when ACRS ended.

• Declaratory Confidence Building Measures
  - Statement on Arms Control and Regional Security. ACRS parties negotiated the text for guidelines and objectives to be pursued within ACRS. All but one paragraph of the text was agreed when ACRS ended.
- **Long-Term Objectives Statements:** Six ACRS parties submitted national statements on their security concerns and threat perceptions. Based on these papers, the Co-sponsors drafted a paper identifying the areas of commonality and differences in perspectives of the regional parties on long-term security.

- **Transparency Measures**
  - **Field Visit** - Parties visited an MFO site in the Sinai
  - **Air Base Visit** - Parties visited an air base in the UK to observe how such visits are conducted for a multilateral group
  - **Exercise Observation** - Parties witnessed a NATO exercise in Denmark to observe how multilateral observations are conducted.

- **Regional Security Center**
  - **Regional Security Center:** Parties agreed in principal at the Tunis Plenary in December 1994 to establish a regional security center in Jordan and associated centers in Tunis and Doha. A draft mandate for the center was negotiated among experts, but was not adopted due to ACRS suspension.

- **Verification Measures**
  - **Verification Workshop:** Workshop held in Cairo on verification techniques associated with a variety of arms control agreements and confidence-building measures.
  - **Open Skies:** Parties toured an Open Skies aircraft.
  - **Regional and International Verification** - Parties visited a nuclear power plant in Germany to learn how a regional verification authority, EURATOM, interacts with a global verification authority, IAEA.
  - **CWC Lab Analysis:** Parties visited a chemical weapons verification lab in Switzerland
  - **CWC Training:** Parties visit a Chemical Weapons Conventional Inspectors Training Course in Finland
  - **Nuclear Testing:** Parties visit a seismic observation center in Finland to discuss methods for distinguishing between a natural seismic event and a nuclear test.
  - **Seismic Monitoring Cooperation:** Parties received proposal for a CBM for cooperative monitoring for the absence of nuclear testing; the first nuclear weapons related proposal.
  - **Managed Access:** Presentation on the concept.

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