



Informal Meeting of OSCE Foreign Ministers on the Future of European Security :  
**Intervention by Federal Foreign Minister Dr Frank-Walter Steinmeier at the  
Ministers´ Working Dinner  
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Our meeting should give a strong signal for starting a meaningful and well structured dialogue on European security issues to better address the current security challenges in the Euro-Atlantic area.

In doing so, we can cope with all imminent questions in all three dimensions of our common security to work towards a renewed security partnership in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Arms Control and disarmament matters are central in this process. The meeting on the future of conventional arms control in Europe, that I called for in Berlin on June 10<sup>th</sup> gave a strong message to renew our efforts for safeguarding the CFE treaty-regime as the Cornerstone of European security also for the future.

Our principal aim must be to restore and strengthen confidence in our common security area. This is best done by deeds, not words alone. That is why we need concrete steps to solve regional conflicts and find common ways to deal with the solution of the Georgia crisis in particular, involving all international structures (OSCE, EU, UN) in the best possible way.

Here in Corfu, we have the chance to break the deadlock. Let's make a first courageous step to launch the "Corfu process" in tasking our OSCE ambassadors to prepare a ministerial decision in Athens in December by which the topics and the format of a meaningful European Security Dialogue should be defined. This will send a strong signal that we are indeed ready to tackle our security concerns together, giving new meaning to the principle of cooperative security in Europe that we are all committed to.