

Chairmanship: Romania

**STATEMENT BY
THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE JOINT CONSULTATIVE GROUP
TO THE 2010 REVIEW CONFERENCE**

In my capacity as chairman of the Joint Consultative Group, with reference to JCG Decision No. 3/10 (JCG.DEC/3/10), I would like to provide you with information on the functioning of the CFE regime.

Eleven years after the signing of the Agreement on Adaptation of the CFE Treaty (ACFE), the CFE Treaty is not being implemented to its full capacity and the ACFE has not entered into force. Over time, there have been different views on the role of the JCG in restoring the viability of the conventional arms control regime in Europe. The JCG has served as a platform to voice national positions and concerns, while discussions on how to revitalize the CFE regime mainly took place in formats other than the JCG.

A group of States presented a new proposal in Vienna on 14 June 2010. This group of States believes that this could be a framework to restore the CFE regime and strengthen conventional arms control and transparency in Europe. One State presented its position paper and a contribution to such a framework. Several rounds of discussions took place and they are expected to continue. These proposals are still under consideration among the States involved.

Since the discussions are taking place, so far, outside the format of the JCG, the JCG Chair is not in a position to comment or go into further details at this stage.