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Appendix 1

The Renouncement of the Use of Force and the Threat to Use Force In the Relationship of the European States (The Draft of the Document's Essential Points)

The countries gathered in Helsinki for the all-European conference to discuss the questions of European security and cooperation, (here comes the list of the countries participating)

in the course of an informal round of talks put forward their views on the ways to ease tensions in Europe, to consolidate peace and security and to increase cooperation. Resolved to banish war forever from the life of the European continent, and bearing in mind that the European situation has utmost significance from the viewpoint of world peace,

Deeply convinced that the European states can still find possibilities in all areas of peaceful cooperation to effect mutually advantageous measures and that the duty of all European nations is to strengthen their peaceful and friendly relationship – regardless of the existing differences in social and political establishments – and to develop all-round cooperation and mutual understanding between the European nations,

Recognizing the principles regarding the sovereignty, territorial integrity, independence and non-interference in domestic affairs of all states,

Starting out from the UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, and from chapter 8 of article 2 in specific,

The participants of the Conference

Solemnly declare on behalf of their states and nations that in the international relations they renounce the use of force and the threat to use force, using peaceful methods to settle debates and disagreements that may arise between them,

Announce that they recognize and unconditionally observe the territorial integrity of all European states within their existing borders.

The present document bears no effect on the obligations that the states taking part in the all-European conference have assumed in bi- and multilateral treaties and agreements. [Translated by Ervin Dunay, Central European University]

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