



**Organization for Security and
Co-operation in Europe**

**POLITICAL – MILITARY
DIMENSION**

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- Progress in the 1980-90s

Current OSCE CSBMs Regime

- VD 99 and other agreed CSBMs
- Code of Conduct
- Document on SALW
- Document on SCA

OSCE related arms control agreements

- CFE Treaty
- Treaty on Open Skies

Military aspects of security in the OSCE structure and activities

- FSC mandate and activities
- CPC mandate and activities

Military Aspects of Security

Helsinki Final Act, 1975



“Contribute to reducing the dangers of armed conflict and of misunderstanding or miscalculation of military activities which could give rise to apprehension, particularly in a situation where States lack clear and timely information”

First Confidence- Building Measures

- Reducing the dangers of armed conflict
- Predictability through openness and transparency
- Voluntary measures



55 participating States
from Vancouver to Vladivostok

The Second Generation of CSBMs

Madrid Mandate for the CSBM

- cover the whole Europe
- be of military significance
- be political binding
- be verifiable

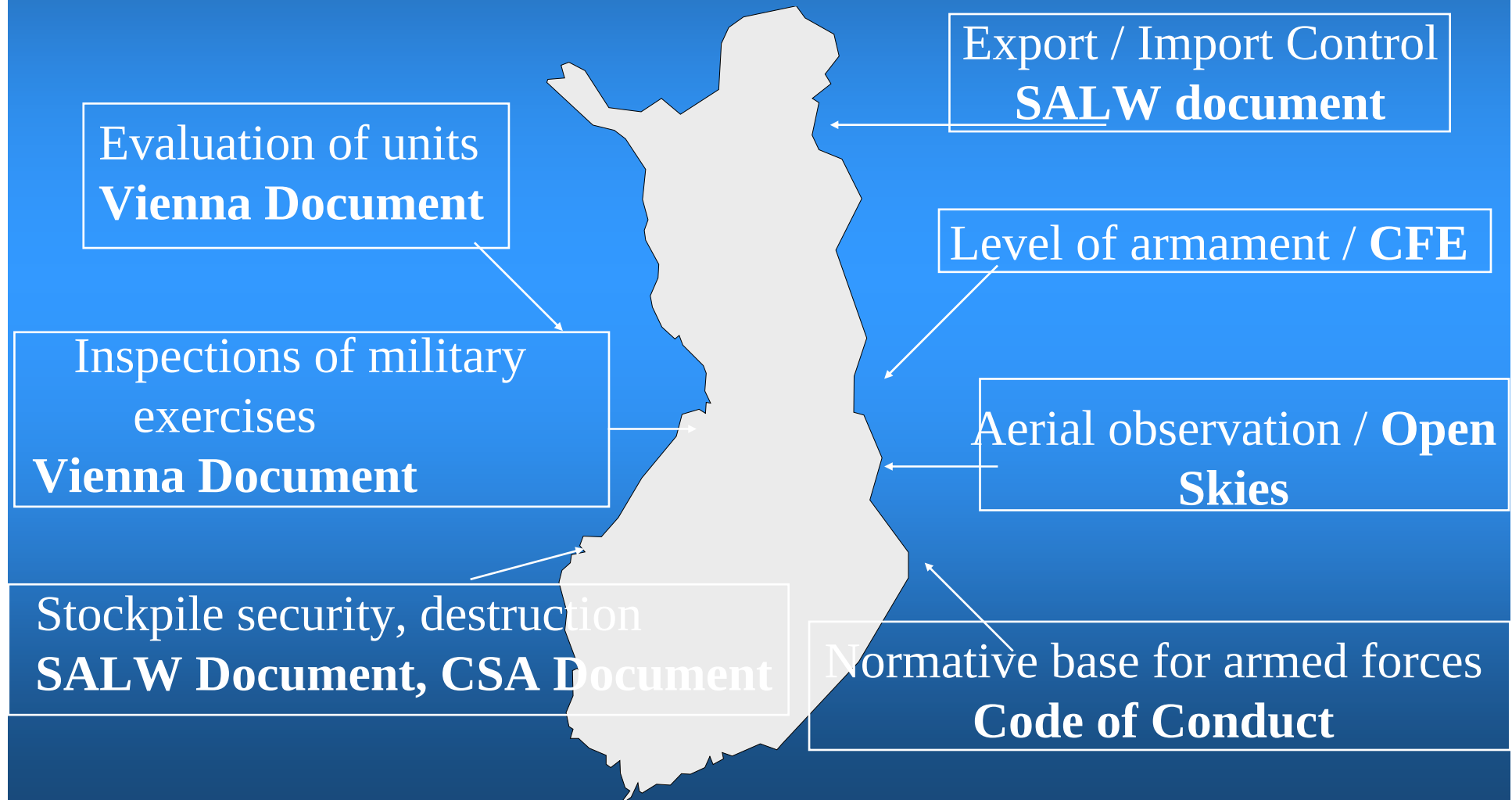
The Second Generation of CSBMs

- **notifications of military activities and invitations of observers**
- **lower thresholds for notifiable and observed military activity**
- **annual calendars for planned notifiable military activities**
- **constraining provision prohibiting activities with more than 40,000 troops**
- **verification of military activities**

The Third Generation of CSBMs

- **enhancing political dialogue**
- **substantial increase of transparency through the VD-90 and its later editions**
- **evolution politically binding commitments into legal obligations (CFE Treaty and Treaty on Open Skies)**
- **extension of transparency in the defence sphere**

Framework for Arms Control



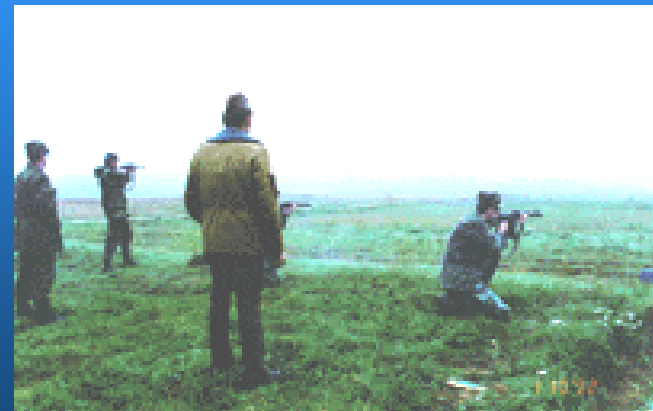
The Current CSBM Regime

Vienna Document 1999

- **Information exchange**
- **Defence planning**
- **Military contacts and cooperation**
- **Observation visits**
- **Inspection and evaluation visits**
- **Regional Measures**



American personnel fire rifles during the first inspection under Vienna Document 1990



A US team observes a Russian exercise

Overview of SALW Document



“man portable weapons made or modified to military specifications for use as lethal instruments of war”

Manufacturing, marking and record keeping

Export criteria and controls

Stockpile security and destruction

Conflict prevention and post-conflict rehabilitation

Information exchanges

Achievements and Lessons Learned

- **Negotiations as a means to resolve problems**
- **Creation of the web of interlocking and reinforcing commitments and obligations**
- **decreasing the threat of the appearance of major military interstate conflicts**
- **importance of maintaining the implementation of the CSBMs**

☆ **Negotiating &
decision-making bodies**

Summits

Ministerial Council

Permanent Council

Forum for Security Co-operation

Chairman-in-Office

🕒 **Operational structures
& Institutions**

Secretariat

🕒 **Activities**

Missions

FSC Support Unit

- ASSIST AND SUPPORT FSC PLENARY, WORKING GROUPS, AND TROIKA
- FACILITATE, MONITOR, AND REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF:
 - --VIENNA DOCUMENT 99
 - -- CODE OF CONDUCT ON POLITICO-MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY
 - -- SMALL ARMS LIGHT WEAPONS DOCUMENT
 - -- OTHER AGREED CONFIDENCE AND SECURITY-BUILDING MEASURES
- ORGANIZE
 - -- ANNUAL EXCHANGES OF MILITARY INFORMATION
 - -- ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION ASSESSMENT MEETINGS
 - -- SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS
- MANAGE OSCE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK
 - -- CHAIR COMMUNICATIONS GROUP
 - -- DISTRIBUTE CFE/OPEN SKIES/VD 99 NOTIFICATIONS
- SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF RECENT MC DECISIONS:
 - -- ANTI-TERRORISM MEASURES (JOINT PC/FSC TASK)
 - -- INCREASED COORDINATION WITH PERMANENT COUNCIL

Politico-Military Mission Activities



Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Created a Department for Security Co-operation
- Advising the government on reform of arms export control
- Developing democratic oversight of armed forces

Spillover Monitor Mission to Skopje

- Assisting UNDP with a small arms programme
- Introducing small arms issues into police training



Mission to Serbia and Montenegro

- Assisting with implementation of Vienna Document, Code of Conduct and Small Arms Document

OSCE Mission to Georgia



Photos Alexander Nitzsche

The destruction of small arms and ammunition in South Ossetia, Georgia is an important confidence building measure

OSCE Mission to Georgia

Photo OSCE



**Supervising a project to
recycle toxic rocket fuel**

**Providing community incentives,
such as this irrigation canal,
in return for surrendered weapons**



Photo OSCE Mission to Georgia

OSCE Mission to Moldova

The Mission oversees the removal and destruction of Russian armaments and ammunition in Moldova



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