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PRESS STATEMENT

MEETING OF NATO DEFENCE MINISTERS
TRAVEMÜNDE 20TH-21ST OCTOBER 1993

NATO Defence Ministers met in Travemünde, Germany, on 20th and 21st October 1993 to discuss informally a range of subjects of mutual interest and concern.

Ministers focussed in particular on five subjects: the situation in the former Yugoslavia; wider perspectives of NATO's rôle in peacekeeping; transatlantic solidarity and the development of a European Security and Defence Identity; the future of defence-related cooperation with countries of Central and Eastern Europe; and the danger of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missiles.

An open-ended and wide-ranging discussion showed a broad degree of consensus on these issues of fundamental importance to the Alliance in the new and still evolving security environment. This was the first meeting of its kind, and Ministers expressed their gratitude to their German colleague, Volker Rühle, for hosting it.