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NATO VERITY WORKSHOP WITH COOPERATION PARTNERS

On 9 and 10 March 1995, NATO's Verification Co-ordinating Committee is hosting, at the NATO Headquarters in Brussels, its second Workshop on the VERITY NATO Verification Database in support of the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE Treaty). Representatives from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Defence and national verification organisations of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Georgia, Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania, the Russian Federation, the Slovak Republic and Ukraine will be participating, together with their counterparts from all NATO countries.

VERITY was opened to Partners in November 1993 and the first workshop was organized in February 1994 to provide training on the usage of the system.

Partner countries like NATO nations, can now connect to VERITY directly from their capitals. They can retrieve CFE official information as well as contribute to the completeness of the database by providing the reports of CFE inspections they conducted. Participants will have ample time to familiarize themselves with the aspects of the system and to exchange views based on their experience.

Sharing information through the VERITY database is a very tangible way to implement the Treaty in a spirit of co-operation.

The Workshop will be opened by Ambassador von Moltke, Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs.

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NATO's Verification Co-ordinating Committee, established by the NATO Council in May 1990, is composed of representatives of Ministries of both Foreign Affairs and Defence. It coordinates implementation of conventional disarmament and arms control agreements among Allies, provides a forum for a regular exchange of views on related matters and manages cooperation in this field with Partner countries.

The CFE Treaty aims at providing increased stability in Europe at lower levels of armament, and thus eliminating the danger of surprise attack. Allies continue to attach the highest importance to seeing that becoming a reality, by 16th November 1995 at the latest.

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