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Open partial agreement on the prevention of,
protection against, and organisation of relief
in major natural and technological disasters

2nd ministerial meeting

Malta, 10-11 October 1989

CONCLUSIONS

The Second ministerial meeting on the Open Partial Agreement on the prevention of, protection against, and organisation of relief in major natural and technological disasters took place at the Foundation for International Studies in Malta on 10 and 11 October 1989 (1).

I. The Ministers took note with interest of the Maltese policy in the field of civil protection and of the programme carried out in the framework of European cooperation

II. The Ministers adopted resolutions concerning the following items:

- a. the request for accession to the Open Partial Agreement by the Principality of Monaco (Resolution 1)
- b. the interest of the Soviet Union in acceding to the Open Partial Agreement (Resolution 2)
- c. the request for participation of Unesco in the Open Partial Agreement (Resolution 3)
- d. activities undertaken in the framework of the Open Partial Agreement (Resolution 4)

The texts of Resolutions 1, 2, 3 and 4 adopted are the following:

RESOLUTION 2

The Ministers of the Open Partial Agreement on the prevention of, protection against, and organisation of relief in major natural and technological disasters of the Council of Europe, convened in Malta on 10 and 11 October 1989:

1. Having noted, following the visit of the President M. GORBATCHEV to the Council of Europe on 6 July 1989, the importance which the Soviet Union attaches to the cooperation with the Council of Europe in all fields and particularly its efforts to develop cooperation between European countries, including the carrying out of international programmes towards the prevention of possible natural and technological disasters
2. Being aware of the letter sent by the Ambassador of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in France to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, expressing the interest of the Soviet Union in acceding to the Open Partial Agreement on the prevention of, protection against, and organisation of relief in major natural and technological disasters, in force within the Council of Europe
3. In the spirit of the Committee of Ministers' political declaration of 5 May 1989, express their favourable opinion concerning the interest shown by the Soviet Union in acceding to the Open Partial Agreement of the Council of Europe and request the Secretary General of the Council of Europe that the present Resolution be conveyed to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe sitting at the level of the member States of the the Open Partial Agreement with the view to enter into appropriate negotiations (1)

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1. The Ministers wish that the programmes of cooperation to be developed will mobilise research organisations of the member States of the Agreement on the basis of finalized and quantified projects bearing in mind the principle of reciprocity of relations