

## Editor's Note

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The encouraging reception of the German version of the OSCE Yearbook induced us to offer an English version in order to make the OSCE Yearbook available to a broader community of readers interested in detailed information and first-hand analyses on the OSCE process.

Consequently, we present a translated version of the OSCE Yearbook 1996, supplemented by some articles from the Yearbook 1995, indicated by an asterisk and a respective footnote.

While minor details may have become overtaken by events, we are convinced that this is more than outweighed by the substance and validity of the essays.

Beginning with the 1997 issue, an English version of the OSCE Yearbook will appear on a regular basis.