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GENEVA, SEPT. 5 (RFE SPECIAL/MAHONEY)-- ITALIAN AND YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS WARNED THE 93-NATION CONFERENCE OF NON-NUCLEAR NATIONS TODAY THAT BIG POWER SUBJECTION OF SMALLER STATES WOULD SERIOUSLY HINDER ANY PROGRESS IN DISARMAMENT.

ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER GIUSEPPE MEDICI, WHO CONFERRED AT LENGTH YESTERDAY WITH WEST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER WILLY BRANDT ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION, TOLD THE DELEGATES:

""RECENT EVENTS WHICH HAVE SERIOUSLY AFFECTED THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, CAST A DARK CLOUD ON OUR WORK. AN OPEN VIOLATION OF ONE OF THE MAIN PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING THE (NON-PROLIFERATION) TREATY HAS DEEPLY SHOCKED THOSE WHO SEE IN THAT INSTRUMENT AN ESSENTIAL CONDITION FOR BETTER RELATIONS AMONG STATES, AND WHO FIND IN ITS TEXT THAT CONFIRMATION OF THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE AND THREAT OF FORCE, WHICH IS AT THE BASIS OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

"" THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT THE FACTORS CAUSING THIS DISTURBED SITUATION WILL SOON DISAPPEAR. ONCE NORMALITY IN INTERNATIONAL LIFE IS FULLY RESTORED, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE TREATY MAY GAIN WIDER ACCEPTANCE, ESPECIALLY FROM STATES CLOSER TO THE NUCLEAR WEAPON THRESHOLD.""

. USING THE SAME WORDS AS FOREIGN MINISTER BRANDT YESTERDAY, MR. MEDICI STRESSED THE SERIOUS ""ABSENCE OF A CLIMATE OF CONFIDENCE"" CAUSED BY THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

""IF THE CONFERENCE IS TO ACHIEVE THE RESULTS WE HOPE FOR, IT IS INDISPENSABLE TO RESTORE THE ATMOSPHERE OF DETENTE, WHICH HELPED TO BRING ABOUT THE ELABORATION OF THE TREATY,"" HE SAID. ""IN THE ABSENCE OF A CLIMATE OF CONFIDENCE ONE COULD HARDLY HOPE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.""

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