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"THIS POSITION HAS ITS BASIS IN THE VITAL INTEREST OF THE RUMANIAN PEOPLE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE RULED NOT BY THE RIGHT OF FORCE BUT BY THE FORCE OF RIGHT," HE SAID.

HE TOLD THAT THE BAN ON THE USE OF FORCE OR THE THREAT OF IT WAS THE PRINCIPLE ON WHICH INTERNATIONAL LEGALITY WAS BASED, AND OBSERVANCE OF THIS PRINCIPLE WAS AN OBLIGATION UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER.

AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KURT WALDHEIM TOLD THE CONFERENCE THAT HIS COUNTRY WAS "SHOCKED" BY THE RECENT EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. HE SAID THAT "IT IS THE PRINCIPAL TASK OF ALL FOREIGN POLICY TO SAFEGUARD A COUNTRY'S SOVEREIGNTY, WHETHER THE COUNTRY IS LARGE OR SMALL."

BECAUSE AUSTRIA IS AT THE CROSSROADS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST AND COMMITTED TO A POLICY OF NEUTRALITY, HE SAID, "IT, MORE THAN OTHERS, NEEDS INTERNATIONAL STABILITY. IT HAS A SPECIAL INTEREST IN A CLIMATE OF DETENTE AND THIS HAS BEEN THE GUIDELINE OF ITS FOREIGN POLICY SINCE 1955 WHEN IT RE-ENTERED THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE AS A SOVEREIGN AND NEUTRAL STATE."

"THIS WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE BASIS OF OUR POLICY," HE SAID, "BUT SUCH A POLICY PRESUPPOSES A MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND FAITH IN THE ORDER TO WHICH ALL OF US HAVE SUBSCRIBED IN THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER."

"THEREFORE AUSTRIA IS IN FAVOR OF ANY ACTION TO PROMOTE SUCH CONFIDENCE AND SHE DEPLORES AND CATEGORICALLY REJECTS ALL ACTS OF FORCE LIKELY TO JEOPARDIZE THIS ORDER ON WHICH THE SECURITY OF ALL OF US DEPENDS."

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