

**Peng Dehuai's Speech at the Warsaw Treaty Signing Ceremony between Eight
European Countries
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Dear Comrades,

After four days of solemn work, the Warsaw Conference of European Countries for the Preservation of Peace and Security in Europe has made a historically significant accomplishment. Chinese people and peace-loving peoples around the world together enthusiastically congratulate the consummation of this Conference. The result of the Warsaw Conference again made clear the strong determination of the contractual parties to ensure peace and security in Europe. Also, the Conference showed the unity and power of the peaceful and democratic socialist camp headed by the Soviet Union. Its determination and power cannot be ignored by anyone. The right way to safeguard peace and security, as the Conference pointed out, is totally in the interests of, and is the will of the world's people. The Chinese government believes that the resolution of the Warsaw Conference is a great contribution to world peace. It is not only a very necessary measure to safeguard peace and security in Europe, but also has a profound impact upon peace and security in Asia.

I have been authorized by the government of the People's Republic of China to declare: the Chinese government and six hundred million Chinese people have decided to give full support and cooperation to the just-signed "Treaty of Friendship, Co-operation, and Mutual Assistance between the People's Republic of Albania, the People's Republic of Bulgaria, the Hungarian People's Republic, the German Democratic Republic, the Polish People's Republic, the Romanian People's Republic, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and the Czechoslovakian Republic," and the decision to establish the Joint Command of their armed forces. We believe that the outcomes of this Conference will certainly further unite peace-loving countries and peoples all over the world, and greatly bolster the peace and security enterprise in Europe and the world.