

We, the participants of the Vienna meeting organised in parallel with the Prague symposium "Czechoslovakia 1988"

EXPRESS

our support to those who in Czechoslovakia attempt to carry out a free and open discussion of their country's past and present;

PROTEST

against the violent police action against a peaceful historical seminar which was to be held in the Czechoslovak capital and in connection with which dozens of Czech and Slovak citizens were arrested, some of them still being held in jail;

ACCUSE THE CZECHOSLOVAK AUTHORITIES

of flagrant violations of the Helsinki Final Act and other international agreements duly signed by the Prague government;

STATE

that at a time when in some other Soviet bloc countries human and civil rights are enlarged, in Czechoslovakia, on the contrary, repression and police terror reign, resembling some of the worst periods of blind persecution;

REQUEST

that the Czechoslovak authorities immediately release all those who wanted to attend the Prague symposium and were arrested, as well as the other political prisoners, and apologize publicly for the unheard-of police action in Prague;

ASK

the Austrian representatives at the Conference for Security and Cooperation in Europe to submit on our behalf this protest to the Czechoslovak delegation to the Vienna Follow-up Conference.