

WEU Declaration on the Yugoslav Crisis (Bonn, 19 June 1992)

Caption: On 19 June 1992, in Bonn, Foreign and Defence Ministers of Western European Union (WEU) issue a joint declaration on the situation in former Yugoslavia.

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Declaration on the Yugoslav Crisis

1. Ministers recalled the “Declaration on Yugoslavia” issued by the Community and its Member States on 15 June 1992.

They reiterated their deep concern about the ongoing conflict in the former Yugoslavia. In particular, they deplored the desperate humanitarian situation and the continuing use of force in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

2. Ministers stressed the urgency of immediate and comprehensive humanitarian aid, especially to the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina. They also stressed the importance of establishing a security zone in and around Sarajevo, including its airport, as envisaged in United Nations Security Council Resolution 758, and expressed their support for the efforts undertaken to secure such a zone, as well as to reopen Sarajevo airport. They welcomed and encouraged the active participation of Member States in this operation.

3. Ministers underlined the determination of their States not to tolerate the continued use of force as well as the disregard for CSCE commitments and basic human standards. In this context, they recalled the recent decisions taken by the CSCE.

4. Ministers appealed to all parties concerned immediately to cease all hostilities and to abide by the ceasefire agreements. They recalled that territorial gains and changes brought about by violence are unacceptable and will not be recognized by the international community. They also reaffirmed the need for the effective protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including those of national and ethnic groups.

5. Ministers reaffirmed their full support for the UN peacekeeping operation in Croatia. All elements of the UN peace plan must be strictly observed and fully implemented.

6. Ministers reiterated their full support for the Conference on Yugoslavia, including the efforts undertaken by the European Community in the framework of the discussions on constitutional arrangements for Bosnia-Herzegovina.

7. Ministers also expressed the determination of their States to abide fully by the provisions of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 757 and to implement comprehensively the sanctions which it contains. In this connection, they noted that the UN Security Council has decided to consider immediately, whenever necessary, further steps to achieve a peaceful solution in conformity with relevant resolutions of the Security Council, based *inter alia* on Chapter VII of the UN Charter.

8. Ministers declared that WEU is prepared, within the bounds of its possibilities, to contribute towards effective implementation of UN Security Council resolutions in connection with the conflict in the former Yugoslavia. They charged an ad hoc group composed of representatives from Foreign Affairs and Defence Ministries to examine WEU’s possibilities to contribute to the implementation of the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions.