

Replies by the WEU Council to Assembly Recommendations 157 and 158 on the situation in the Middle East (London, 3 November 1967)

Caption: On 3 November 1967, the Secretary-General of Western European Union (WEU) circulates the Council's replies to Recommendations 157 and 158 of the WEU Assembly on the situation in the Middle East. The Council shares the Assembly's convictions on the serious nature of the crisis in the Middle East and on the urgent need to support all forms of humanitarian action on behalf of victims of hostilities. The WEU member governments are determined to continue their efforts to help find a peaceful solution, and the Council believes that the United Nations, in particular the Security Council, could be an appropriate framework for searching for means of establishing a lasting peace between all the countries concerned in this area.

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The Secretary-General circulates herewith the Council's replies to Assembly Recommendations 150, 151, 152, 154, 156, 157 and 158.

The replies, adopted by the Council at their meeting on 2nd November 1967, have now been forwarded to the Assembly (CR (67) 21, V, 1).

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Reply to Recommendation 157
on the situation in the Middle East

The Council share the Assembly's convictions regarding the serious nature of the recent crisis in the Middle East.

When they met at ministerial level in The Hague on 4th and 5th July last, they held a detailed exchange of views on the Middle Eastern situation. Particular emphasis was placed on the urgent need to give immediate support to all forms of humanitarian action on behalf of victims of hostilities, especially the refugees, to whom material aid had indeed been dispatched by member Governments as soon as the war was over, through the International Red Cross amongst other channels. Subsequently, they also supported the United Nations Assembly's resolution on aid to refugees.

As regards the search for means of establishing a lasting peace in that part of the world, the Council consider the United Nations Organisation, in particular the Security Council, to be an appropriate framework for such endeavours.

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Reply to Recommendation 158
on the situation in the Middle East

The Council agree with the Assembly on the need to maintain the cease-fire in the Middle East and on the overriding importance of promoting a settlement enabling Israel and her neighbours to live in normal, stable conditions in future.

The member Governments of W.E.U. are determined to continue their efforts to help in finding a peaceful overall solution, in accordance with the principles of international law and equity, and acceptable to the countries directly concerned in this area.

With reference to paragraph 3 concerning humanitarian measures, the Council draw attention to their reply to Recommendation 157.

As regards the situation in the Yemen, the Council hope that discussions between the parties concerned, and in particular the agreement reached at the Conference held in Khartoum in August 1967, will contribute towards restoring peace.

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