

## Draft reply by the United Kingdom delegation to the WEU Council to written question 220 by Sir Frederic Bennett on the Camp David agreements and the settlement of the Middle East conflict (London, 27 August 1980)

**Caption:** On 27 August 1980, the Secretary-General of Western European Union (WEU) circulates the draft reply by the British delegation to the WEU Council to the question by Sir Frederic Bennett, a British member of the Assembly, on the contribution of the Camp David agreements to the settlement of the Middle East conflict. The Council believes that these agreements represent an achievement that must be built on. It also considers that, in the context of an overall settlement, an agreement on full autonomy for the West Bank and the Gaza Strip that could be accepted and implemented by the Palestinians could serve as a useful interim stage towards full self-determination for this people.

**Source:** Council of the Western European Union. Secretary-General's note. Written Question 220 put to the Council by a member of the Assembly. London: 27.08.1980. WPM (80) 27. 2 p. Archives nationales de Luxembourg (ANLux).<http://www.anlux.lu>. Western European Union Archives. Secretariat-General/Council's Archives. 1954-1987. Organs of the Western European Union. Year: 1980, 01/11/1980-05/05/1981. File 202.413.999.12. Volume 1/1 .

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## SECRETARY-GENERAL'S NOTE

### Written question 220 put to the Council by a member of the Assembly

The Secretary-General circulates herewith a draft reply, prepared by the United Kingdom delegation, to written question 220 put to the Council by Sir Frederic Bennett, a member of the Assembly and circulated on 30th June, 1980 (C (80) 90).

This draft will be considered by the working group at its next meeting on 15th September, 1980.

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Text of written question 220 put to the Council  
by Sir Frederic Bennett  
(C (80) 90)

In their reply to Recommendation 341 "the Council note that the member States are determined to continue their efforts to further the search for an overall settlement of the Middle East conflict". Do the Council consider that the Camp David agreements, under present or easily foreseeable circumstances, truly contribute to the search for such a settlement?

Draft reply

The Camp David agreements led to the establishment of peace between Egypt and Israel, which the Council believe to be an important step forward in the search for a comprehensive settlement. However this achievement must be built on. The negotiations on the future of the West Bank and Gaza Strip have so far been inconclusive and the attitude of other Arab parties, including the Palestinians, reduces the chances of a successful outcome. Nevertheless the Council continue to believe that agreement on full autonomy for the West Bank and Gaza, capable of being accepted and worked by the Palestinians, could be a useful interim stage towards full self-determination for the Palestinians in the context of an overall settlement.

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