

## Reply by the WEU Council to written question 225 from Sir Frederic Bennett on the measures that WEU is contemplating taking to assist the Afghan resistance movements (London, 29 April 1981)

**Caption:** On 29 April 1981, the Secretary-General of Western European Union (WEU) circulates the reply by the WEU Council to the question put by Sir Frederic Bennett, a British member of the WEU Assembly, on the measures that WEU member countries have taken or are contemplating taking to assist the Afghan resistance movements. Taking up the draft reply proposed by the French delegation (WPM(81)20/1), the Council affirms that the crisis was brought about by the Soviet military intervention and particularly emphasises the humanitarian aid that WEU can offer to the peoples of Afghanistan who have been driven from their country by hunger and fighting.

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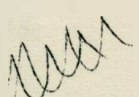
29th April, 1981

## SECRETARY-GENERAL'S NOTE

Written question 225  
put to the Council by a member of the Assembly

The Secretary-General circulates herewith the Council's reply to written question 225 put to the Council by Sir Frederic Bennett, a member of the Assembly (cf. C (81) 27).

This reply, approved by the Council at their meeting on 29th April, 1981, has been forwarded to the Assembly (CR (81) 6, IV, 2).

  
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Text of written question 225

Would the Council indicate what measures W.E.U. member countries have taken or are contemplating taking to assist the Afghan resistance movements?

Have some of these countries delivered, or are they planning to deliver, the weapons which the resistance movements urgently require?

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Reply by the Council

The W.E.U. member countries recognise in the Afghan people's resistance an essential factor in the crisis brought about by the Soviet military intervention. They consider that any true political settlement of this crisis must take this reality into account.

Naturally, the W.E.U. member countries are concerned to act at the level where they could be effective, namely by organising international humanitarian aid to the peoples of Afghanistan driven from their country by the hunger and fighting.