

Recommendation 386 of the WEU Assembly on the situation in the Middle East (Paris, 17 June 1982)

Caption: On 17 June 1982, following the Israeli military intervention in Lebanon, the Assembly of Western European Union (WEU) adopts Recommendation 386 on the situation in the Middle East. The Assembly recommends that the WEU Council express Europe's determination to uphold Lebanon's sovereignty and that it condemn this Israeli aggression unreservedly. The document also emphasises the fact that the Council should recall that peace in the Middle East can only be maintained by ensuring the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination within a national territory and recognising the right of the state of Israel to exist within secure and internationally-recognised frontiers.

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RECOMMENDATION 386***on the situation in the Middle East***

The Assembly,

Deploring the outbreak of war in the Middle East ;

Recalling WEU Recommendations 341 and 349 adopted by the Assembly by overwhelming majorities;

Endorsing Resolutions 508 and 509 of the United Nations Security Council;

Recalling its often-repeated condemnation of acts of terrorism anywhere in the world and asserting that retaliatory military actions, especially those involving the maiming and killing of innocent civilian population, are totally unacceptable;

Noting that the establishment of lasting peace in the area is essential for Europe's security and for stability in the world;

Regretfully noting that the provisions of the Camp David accord relating to the future status of the Palestinians have still not been carried into effect ;

Considering that the restoration of the authority of the Lebanese Government over the whole Lebanese territory is essential for the establishment of lasting peace in the Middle East ;

Wishing its General Affairs Committee follow developments in the Middle East and to report to it at its next session,

RECOMMENDS THAT THE COUNCIL

1. Express clearly Europe's determination to uphold Lebanon's sovereignty and to assist in its restoration;
2. Condemn unreservedly the present Israeli aggression and call for the evacuation of all non-Lebanese armed forces from Lebanon other than the United Nations interim force in Lebanon which should be strengthened;
3. Recall that the problems of maintaining peace in the Middle East cannot be solved without ensuring the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination within a national territory and recognising the right of the state of Israel to exist within secure and internationally-recognised frontiers.