

## Draft reply by the French delegation to the Council to Recommendation 351 of the WEU Assembly on the occupation of Afghanistan by Soviet forces (28 October 1980)

**Caption:** On 28 October 1980, the French delegation to the Council of Western European Union (WEU) proposes a series of amendments to the draft reply to Recommendation 351 of the WEU Assembly on the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. The draft reply expresses the grave concern of the ministers at the continued occupation of the country by Soviet troops. The international crisis thus caused calls for a resolute, constant and concerted response on the part of the Allies.

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## Draft reply to Recommendation 351

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- a) Text of amendments proposed by the French delegation at the working group meeting of 22nd October:

Page 2, replace the 2nd paragraph by the following:

"The Council recall the grave concern that was expressed by the Ministers at the continued occupation of Afghanistan by Soviet armed forces. They agreed that the international crisis thus caused called for a resolute, constant and concerted response on the part of the Allies."<sup>(1)</sup>

Page 3, 2nd paragraph, 3rd and 4th lines:

Replace "North Atlantic Council of December 1979" by "member countries of the integrated military structure".

- b) It was also agreed to word the last sentence of the 2nd paragraph on page 3 as follows:

"In this connection, the Council note with interest that exchanges on this subject between the United States of America and the Soviet Union are being held in Geneva."

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(1) Agreed to at the meeting by the Belgian and Italian delegations and ad referendum by the other delegations.

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