

**WEU MINISTERIAL MEETING**  
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**Communiqué**

The Foreign Affairs and Defence Ministers of the member countries of Western European Union, at their extraordinary meeting in Paris,

- unreservedly condemn the new breaches of international law by the Iraqi authorities and the assault on personnel arising from the violation of diplomatic premises in Kuwait City, and following Iraq's intolerable act of aggression against another Arab country; they recall that the authors of these violations will carry a personal responsibility,

- express their resolve to apply and ensure the strict implementation of the embargo decided on by the United Nations Security Council in all its forms - the only way of reaching a political and peaceful solution to the crisis -,

- decide to exchange information on all violations of which they may be aware, and jointly to identify any shortcomings in their embargo measures in order to rectify them as soon as possible,

- welcome the fact that, since their meeting on 21 August last, all the member States have made an effective contribution to the common effort, and that the coordination is proceeding effectively with other countries' forces deployed in the region,

- decide, as far as they are concerned, to take all further measures necessary, as soon as possible, for the full and effective enforcement of the embargo, with particular attention to air traffic, and call upon the Security Council rapidly to adopt the appropriate decisions to this end; these decisions should apply if necessary to any countries not complying with the embargo,

- endorse the decision by some member States to reinforce their air and ground forces in the region or to assist partners in deploying such forces and support the decisions taken or envisaged by the member States with a view to further deployments should the situation so demand

- decide to strengthen the WEU coordination and to extend the coordination at present operating in the maritime field, to ground and air forces and, within this framework, to identify the forms that these new deployments will take, to seek to ensure that they are complementary, to harmonise the missions of member States' forces and to pool their logistic support capabilities as required,

- intend to strengthen coordination with other countries having forces in the region, in particular the Arab States and the United States of America,

- are resolved to continue providing humanitarian aid to those countries particularly affected by the crisis,

- underline the solidarity linking their countries to the Arab world.