
WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE WEU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WITH STATES OF CENTRAL EUROPE

BONN, 19 JUNE 1992

Declaration on Nagorno-Karabakh

Ministers are deeply concerned about the continuing fighting in Nagorno-Karabakh. They reiterate their appeal to the parties to the conflict to establish immediately an effective ceasefire and to take additional steps, including withdrawal from occupied areas. Any action against any state's territorial integrity in order to achieve political goals by force in contradiction with the principles of the CSCE is unacceptable. Ministers strongly support the peace process which has been launched at the CSCE Council of Ministers in Helsinki on 24 March 1992. They appreciate the initiative to hold two preliminary meetings in Rome. They regret that, for a variety of reasons, including the non-attendance of one of the parties concerned, the meetings have not yet produced the conditions necessary for the success of the Minsk Peace Conference. Ongoing efforts must now be intensified in order to open the way to convening the Minsk Conference as planned on 23 June 1992. All parties concerned are urged to continue this process in order to stop further bloodshed in Nagorno-Karabakh and to reach a just and lasting political solution.