

PRIME MINISTER

ECONOMIC SUMMIT

Sir Robert Armstrong needs to distribute to the Sherpas this Sunday the texts of "The London Charter" and the draft Declaration on International Terrorism.

These have been revised in the light of your meeting and are now attached. If you are content that Sir Robert should distribute them, the Duty Clerk will arrange to get them to him on Saturday.

Content?

Yes mt.

A.J.C.

18 May 1984



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The London Charter

We, the Heads of State and Government of Seven major industrial countries with the President of the Commission of the European Communities, assembled in London for the Tenth Economic Summit meeting, affirm our commitment to the values which sustain and bring together our societies.

We believe in a rule of law which protects without fear or favour the rights and liberties of every citizen, and provides the setting in which the human spirit can develop in freedom and diversity.

We believe in a system of democracy which ensures genuine choice in elections freely held, free expression of opinion with full respect for dissent, and capacity to respond and adapt to change in all its aspects.

We believe in an economic system which provides the best possible conditions for enterprise to promote sustained growth, without neglecting the social context, and in which the fruits of scientific discovery can best be applied to the benefit of all.

We believe in close partnership with each other in the conviction that this will reinforce political and economic stability in the world as a whole. We look for cooperation with all countries on the basis of respect for their independence and territorial integrity, regardless of differences between political, economic and social systems, and reaffirm our determination to help those who most need it.

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We believe in the overriding need for peace between the peoples of the world. We reject the use of force as a means of settling disputes and will maintain only the military strength necessary to deter aggression and ensure effective defence. We reaffirm the statement made on defence and disarmament at Williamsburg in May 1983. Our dedication to the rule of law, democracy and individual freedom is a guarantee of our commitment to closer and more open international relationships.

We know that strong in these beliefs, our countries are endowed with unrivalled diversity and creative vigour. With such a heritage we look forward to the future with confidence.

London, 9 June 1984

LONDON ECONOMIC SUMMIT: DRAFT DECLARATION ON INTERNATIONAL  
TERRORISM

1. The Heads of State and Government recall the declaration on hijacking at the Bonn Summit in 1978, the declaration on diplomatic security at the Venice Summit in 1980, and the Statement on Terrorism at the Ottawa Summit in 1981.

2. The Heads of State and Government express their serious concern at the continued growth of international terrorism and the ease with which it has been able to acquire weapons, explosives and finance. They recognise the importance which attaches, and must continue to attach, to the inviolability of the diplomatic mission. But inviolability brings obligations as well as rights. They view the increasing involvement of states and governments in terrorist acts, notably through the abuse of diplomatic privilege, as a grave menace to the international community. They are resolved to do all in their power, nationally and in conjunction with others, to combat this threat. In particular they intend to develop, within the scope of international law, a common approach to states which sponsor terrorist acts and movements. To this end they are ready:

- to promote the strict application of the Vienna Convention in particular as it affects the immunities enjoyed by the staff of diplomatic missions (Articles 29, 31 and 37), the size of diplomatic missions (Article 11) and the number of buildings enjoying diplomatic immunity (Article 22);
- to review the level of diplomatic relations and the scale of political contacts with states which sponsor terrorist acts;
- to prevent the entry of known terrorists, including persons of diplomatic status, into their countries;
- to review the sale of weapons to states supporting terrorism;
- to examine, in the longer term, the implications of international terrorism for the future of the Vienna Convention.

3. In these and other ways the Heads of State and Government meeting in London intend to take the lead in developing action by the international community to prevent and punish terrorist acts and to identify and condemn those states which sponsor them.

SPEAKING NOTE

Waiver of Diplomatic Immunity

1. We have considered whether we might seek to achieve amongst like-minded countries an agreement which would secure that each party would waive the immunity of its own diplomats in well-substantiated cases involving the use of violence by such persons.

2. Arguments in favour of such an arrangement are:

- a) an example would be set to the rest of the world;
- b) a clear signal would be given that we are not prepared to tolerate the use of violence by anyone, including those holding full or partial diplomatic immunity; and
- c) in practice amongst those countries likely to agree to such a proposal the similarities (and fairness) of the judicial systems are unlikely to result in practical difficulties with such a proposal.

3. Arguments against the proposal are:

- a) states involved in supporting terrorism are unlikely to co-operate in any such agreement;
- b) the concept of total immunity enshrined in the Vienna Convention would be breached with possible serious implications for other sections of the Convention;
- c) if such an arrangement were to be widened beyond close friends and allies, any waiver of immunity in advance of specific circumstances could be exploited by unscrupulous governments to embarrass our diplomats; and

d) since it is impossible to foresee the circumstances of every case in advance, governments would generally be unwilling to surrender their freedom to examine the merits of a waiver on a case by case basis.

4. We should however be interested in the views of others.