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TERRORISM AND HIJACKING

The Heads of State and Government emphasized their deep concern at the resurgence of terrorism, air piracy and hijacking which offend against every norm of civilised behaviour, particularly through the outrage against innocent lives. The time has come for a substantial and effective improvement in the forms of international cooperation to stamp out this evil.

They asked the Foreign Ministers within the framework of European Political Cooperation and in collaboration with other Ministers responsible in this field urgently to examine the possibilities of establishing and maintaining strengthened international standards for airline and airport security. This would include concerted action by the Ten in support of this objective in the ICAO and in third countries, particularly those not party to the existing international conventions.

They stressed the effectiveness of the firm principle, to which the Member States pledged themselves at the Ministerial Meeting in Dublin in September 1984, to make no concessions under duress to those who practice terrorism. They took note of the conclusions of the Ministers of the Interior and Justice meeting in Rome on 20 and 21 June on the extension of cooperation on combating international violence, with particular reference to the training of police forces, the exchange of technological information and cooperation in cases of emergency.

The Ten strongly condemn the recent hijacking of an aeroplane and the taking hostage of innocent persons, who are now detained in Lebanon. The Ten consider it totally unacceptable that the lives and freedom of hostages should be used as bargaining counters. They call on all those in a position to exercise influence in the area to work to bring about the unconditional, speedy and safe release of all hostages held in Lebanon, of whatever nationality and held for whatever motive. They themselves will do all they can to contribute to this end.