



Resolution 776 (1982)¹

Lebanese crisis

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Recalling its [Resolution 728 \(1980\)](#) on the situation in the Middle-East, adopted by an overwhelming majority which resulted from extensive consultation with all interested parties, including governmental and freely-elected parliamentary circles in the Lebanon, at a time when that country, already fragmented and torn by violence, longed "for the return of peace with sovereignty and independence" ;
2. Horrified by the high loss of life and intensification of the suffering of Lebanese and Palestinian civilians, following the massive invasion, which it strongly condemns, by Israel's armed forces on 6 June 1982 ;
3. Convinced that both Israel's well-known and historically justified sense of insecurity, which prompted the incursion, and the pre-existing fragmentation of Lebanon have at their origin the unresolved problem of the Palestinian people ;
4. Reasserting its conviction, echoed in Israel itself (see report of the Political Affairs Committee's talks with Israeli political leaders [Doc. 4933](#)), that the solution must be political and not military, and stressing once again that the problem originates in Israel's refusal to recognise the rights of the Palestinian people, including the right to territorially-based self-determination, as well as in the refusal of the PLO to recognise the State of Israel,
5. Supports the recent efforts of the heads of states and governments of the European Community countries to prevent further suffering and bloodshed among the population of the Lebanon and notably of West Beirut, and to promote the restoration of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon, by calling for the withdrawal of all non-Lebanese forces other than UN peacekeeping forces ;
6. Calls upon governments of member states to mount a major humanitarian effort to relieve the suffering of the Lebanese and Palestinian refugees, and expects the Israeli authorities to co-operate fully with relief organisations ;
7. Calls upon the Israeli Government to demonstrate its good faith in the Camp David peace process, now that the PLO military threat appears to have ceased to exist, by making good its promise to grant a form of "full autonomy" acceptable to the inhabitants of the occupied West Bank and Gaza districts as a prelude to ultimate self-determination ;
8. Resolves to promote by all means at its disposal, the return of conditions similar to those, which shortly before the Civil War of 1975-76, led representatives of all Assembly political groups, after visiting Lebanon, to pronounce that country not only sovereign and independent, but a functioning parliamentary democracy.

1. See [Doc. 4933](#), report of the Political Affairs Committee. Text adopted by the Standing Committee, acting on behalf of the Assembly on 2 July 1982.

