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3. For the present the Ten have decided to continue their activity to bring relief to the population in distress and, in this context, call on all parties to act in accordance with Security Council Resolutions 511 and 512 and to cooperate with the responsible international agencies as well as with Unifil. They are also ready in due course to assist in the reconstruction of the country.
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The Ten express their deep concern at the continuation of the damaging conflict between Iraq and Iran, which is destructive for the two countries and seriously threatens the security and stability of the region.

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5. European Council in Brussels

1.5.1. The European Council met for the second time this year in Brussels on 28 and 29 June with Mr Wilfried Martens, Prime Minister of Belgium and President of the Council, in the chair. Mr Thorn and Mr Ortoli represented the Commission.

The European Council's activities were dominated by topical issues—the conflict in the Middle East and the measures recently taken by the United States¹ occupied the Heads of State or Government for most of the meeting. The progress made in the membership negotiations with Spain and Portugal was also considered.

The European Council discussed the economic and social situation against the background of the conclusions reached at the March meeting.² It was agreed to step up efforts to modernize economic structures, help national economies converge and combat unemployment, particularly youth unemployment.

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Statements and comments

1.5.7. When the European Council meeting ended on 29 June, the President of the Commission and the President of the Council held their usual press conference and the Heads of State or Government issued separate statements.

The President of the Council, Mr Martens, made statements on enlargement and on the Middle East on the basis of the guidelines laid down by the Heads of State or Government.

On enlargement, Mr Martens said that the European Council had confirmed its previous statements, particularly the one made in London in November 1981,¹ on the Member States' resolve to make progress with the accession negotiations; at the same time it had asked the Commission to list the problems which enlargement poses for Community policies and for each of the Member States.

On the Middle East, Mr Martens said that the Heads of State or Government had had a detailed discussion of the situation in Leba-

non and the conflict in the Middle East and had agreed to confirm that the signature of the second Financial Protocol between the Community and Israel would be deferred, as would the next ministerial-level meeting of the EEC-Israel Cooperation Council. He stressed that the Member States were not selling any military equipment to Israel at present.

1.5.8. The President of the Commission, Mr Thorn, expressed his satisfaction that the European Council had reverted to the form it was originally intended to take, making possible a free and flexible discussion and a frank exchange of views leading to an effective analysis of the situation.

On enlargement, he stated that it was important to dispel any ambiguity about the Ten's political intentions: these had not changed.

1.5.9. Some of the Heads of State or Government took the opportunity to make statements on the more particularly 'European' issues of enlargement and relations between the Community and the United States which expressed their individual views. Mr Mitterrand, for instance, described the measures taken by the Americans² as 'vexatious, unfair and dangerous' and 'veiled protectionism', accusing Washington of grave breaches of solidarity.

Mr Spadolini, referring to the Versailles Summit, considered that there was no point in holding summits if the results were to be contradicted afterwards; he added that steps would be taken at Community and bilateral level to ensure that no hasty measures were introduced that might lead to a trade war.

Standing in for Mrs Thatcher, who had to leave Brussels before the meeting ended, Mr Pym pointed out that the British Prime Minister had voiced her concern about the American measures to President Reagan when she was in the United States. Mr Pym felt that the text finally adopted was a fair balance between the concern caused by

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America's decisions and the wish to see the problems resolved by discussion and negotiation.

1.5.10. As regards the enlargement of the Community to take in Spain and Portugal, Mr Mitterrand referred to the problems it entailed both for the Member States and for the Community. The stocktaking which the European Council was asking the Commis-

sion to undertake did not mean that the current negotiations would be held up.

The Italian Prime Minister pointed out that he had suggested that 1 January 1984 should be confirmed as the date for Spain's and Portugal's accession and that a transition period should be determined that would prevent accession from having any adverse effects on the workings of the Community or on its relations with the Mediterranean countries.

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The full text of the official communique follows:-

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