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THE "TEN" APPEAL FOR IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE IN LEBANON

On 12 September the Foreign Ministers of the European Community, meeting in Athens Greece, adopted the following statement on the situation in Lebanon:

1. The situation in Lebanon is more critical than at any other time in the last sixteen months. The number of innocent victims increases every day.
2. The International Community must do all it can to help put an end to this tragedy before it leads to the disintegration of Lebanon.
3. The Ten appeal for an immediate ceasefire leading to the cessation of violence and pressure in Lebanon, and to national reconciliation.
4. The Ten call upon all parties to respect the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon and the authority of its government.
5. They stress the need for early progress towards the complete withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon, except as the Lebanese Government may request otherwise.
6. They are ready to work for these objectives, jointly and individually.
7. They are convinced that the abnormal situation in Lebanon, so long as it continues, is a further obstacle to the achievement of a just and lasting settlement in the Middle East as a whole.

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