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Afghanistan

The Chairman noted that the statement on Afghanistan reproduced below was agreed on by consensus.

Decision

The Deputies adopted the following statement, and agreed to issue it immediately to the press:

"The Committee of Ministers of the 21 member States of the Council of Europe recalls that as early as January 1980 it expressed its profound anxiety at the situation in Afghanistan. It continues to call for the establishment of conditions enabling the Afghan people to choose their own future freely and without outside interference or pressure.

The Committee of Ministers has taken note with interest of the proposal contained in the Declaration on Afghanistan made by the European Council of the ten members of the European Community in Luxembourg on 30 June 1981. It supports this proposal, which constitutes a realistic effort to bring about a peaceful and negotiated solution to the problem of Afghanistan."