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# CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

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## CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY



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RESOLUTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION

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### GREECE

The Socialist International reaffirms its condemnation of the brutal dictatorship of the military Junta in Greece and its active participation in the concerted international action in support of the suppressed Greek people and the courageous defenders of democracy.

On the initiative of the Socialists, the overwhelming majority of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe demanded suspension of the membership of Greece until parliamentary democracy is restored. The Committee of Ministers resolved to wait for the report of the European Commission on Human Rights, and therefore postponed its final decision to its next meeting in December 1969. But in the meantime the Committee of Ministers brought the resolution of the Consultative Assembly to the attention of the Greek régime.

The Socialist International urges all member parties to secure by parliamentary action and public pressure that the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe at its next meeting will act in accordance with the recommendation of the Assembly and suspend the membership of dictatorial Greece.

The Socialist International also urges all member parties whose countries belong to EEC to continue their endeavours to bring about the suspension of Greek association with the Common Market until Greece returns to democratic legality.

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The Socialist International deplors the fact that some NATO countries are still cooperating militarily with the present Greek regime and are supporting it by arms deliveries. This military cooperation and these arms deliveries to Greece are not contributions to the international defence of freedom but, on the contrary, are a decisive support to the mortal enemies of democracy who are holding the Greek people in bondage. The Socialist International emphasises that all Western democratic governments, and the United States in particular, are responsible for the continued existence of the Greek military dictatorship which can exist only with their material and moral assistance.

The Socialist International reaffirms its solidarity with all Greek democratic forces working for the return of democracy. It appeals to all member parties to continue to support this fight and to give material aid to the victims of oppression in Greece.