

## Treaty of Amsterdam — Declaration No 6 on the establishment of a policy planning and early warning unit (2 October 1997)

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**Treaty of Amsterdam amending the Treaty on European Union, the Treaties establishing the European Communities and certain related acts (2 October 1997)**

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## **6. Declaration on the establishment of a policy planning and early warning unit**

The Conference agrees that:

1. A policy planning and early warning unit shall be established in the General Secretariat of the Council under the responsibility of its Secretary-General, High Representative for the CFSP. Appropriate cooperation shall be established with the Commission in order to ensure full coherence with the Union's external economic and development policies.
2. The tasks of the unit shall include the following:
  - (a) monitoring and analysing developments in areas relevant to the CFSP;
  - (b) providing assessments of the Union's foreign and security policy interests and identifying areas where the CFSP could focus in future;
  - (c) providing timely assessments and early warning of events or situations which may have significant repercussions for the Union's foreign and security policy, including potential political crises;
  - (d) producing, at the request of either the Council or the Presidency or on its own initiative, argued policy options papers to be presented under the responsibility of the Presidency as a contribution to policy formulation in the Council, and which may contain analyses, recommendations and strategies for the CFSP.
3. The unit shall consist of personnel drawn from the General Secretariat, the Member States, the Commission and the WEU.
4. Any Member State or the Commission may make suggestions to the unit for work to be undertaken.
5. Member States and the Commission shall assist the policy planning process by providing, to the fullest extent possible, relevant information, including confidential information.

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