

## Decision 96/670/CFSP of the Council of the European Union (22 November 1996)

**Caption:** On 22 November 1996, for the first time, the Council of the European Union adopts a decision, based on Article J.4 (2) of the Treaty on European Union, which stipulates that use should be made of Western European Union (WEU) for the implementation of a Joint Action that has defence implications.

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**Council Decision of 22 November 1996 adopted on the basis of Article J.4 (2) of the Treaty on European Union on the elaboration and implementation of a Joint Action by the Union in the Great Lakes Region (96/670/CFSP)**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article J.4 (2) thereof,

Having regard to the Declaration on Western European Union (WEU), set out in the Final Act signed when the Treaty on European Union was adopted,

Whereas the Council today adopted on the basis of Article J.3 of the Treaty on European Union a Joint Action on the Great Lakes Region,

Whereas the implementation of this Joint Action has defence implications and may, in particular, require the use of military means; whereas, in these circumstances, use should be made of the Western European Union,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

**Article 1**

The European Union hereby requests the WEU to examine as a matter of urgency how it can, for its part, contribute to the optimum use of the operational resources available.

**Article 2**

This Decision is notified to the WEU in accordance with the conclusions adopted by the Council on 14 May 1996 on the forwarding of European Union documents to the WEU.

**Article 3**

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

It shall be published in the Official Journal.

Done at Brussels, 22 November 1996.

For the Council  
The President  
J. BURTON