

Inventory of WU and WEU archives

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WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION

ARCHIVES

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1948 to early 1955

BRUSSELS TREATY ORGANIZATION

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• Note: Western European Union came into being with the ratification of the MODIFIED BRUSSELS TREATY on 6 May 1955.

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RELEASE OF THE ARCHIVES OF THE BRUSSELS TREATY ORGANIZATION
AND THE WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES

Rules of Access

The Council of Western European Union have agreed to the release for research purposes, under the thirty-year rule, of the political and military archives of the Brussels Treaty Organization, 1948 to mid 1954, and of Western European Union, successor to the Brussels Treaty Organization, for the period mid-1954 to the end of 1957.

The releasable archives have been placed on microfilm, which can be consulted at the Public Record Office, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU, subject to the following conditions :

1. Applications from bona fide researchers must be accompanied by letters of recommendation from their Organization, University, or Embassy ; they should be made in writing to the Secretary-General of WEU and NOT to the Public Record Office. The subject and purpose of the research work must be clearly indicated. Copies of the inventory can be provided on application to the Secretary-General.
2. The Secretary-General may reject an application. In assessing the latter he will take into consideration, inter alia, the rule of reciprocity whereby similar diplomatic archives shall normally be available for research purposes in the country of the applicant, and/or at the seat of a multilateral treaty organization of which that country is a member.
3. The Secretary-General of WEU shall give written permission to the applicant, and written notification of this to the Public Record Office.
4. On receipt of the written permission mentioned in Article 3 above, the applicant should, at his convenience, present himself at the Public Record Office taking with him the Secretary-General's letter of authorization. A reader's ticket will then be issued to him.
5. A copy of any publication based on the study of the microfilmed archives, as well as transcripts of any public presentation, shall be supplied without charge to the Secretary-General as soon as possible.
6. The original archives are retained at the offices of Western European Union and are not available for study.

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ACCÈS AUX ARCHIVES DE L'ORGANISATION DU
TRAITÉ DE BRUXELLES ET DE L'UNION DE L'EUROPE OCCIDENTALE
AUX FINS DE RECHERCHE

Règlement d'accès aux archives

Le Conseil de l'Union de l'Europe occidentale a décidé d'ouvrir aux chercheurs selon la règle des trente ans, les archives politiques et militaires de l'Organisation du Traité de Bruxelles, pour la période allant de 1948 à mi-1954, et celles de l'Union de l'Europe Occidentale, qui a succédé à l'Organisation du Traité de Bruxelles, pour la période allant de mi-1954 à fin 1957.

Les archives ouvertes au public, reproduites sur microfilms, peuvent être consultées au Public Record Office (Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU), compte tenu des conditions suivantes :

1. Les demandes doivent émaner de chercheurs de bonne foi et être accompagnées de lettres de recommandation provenant de leur organisation, de leur université ou de leur ambassade ; elles doivent être adressées par écrit au Secrétaire général de l'UEO et NON au Public Record Office. L'objet et le but des recherches doivent être précisés. L'inventaire des archives peut être obtenu sur demande au Secrétaire général.
2. Le Secrétaire général peut refuser l'autorisation sollicitée. Dans son appréciation, il tiendra compte notamment du principe de la réciprocité, c'est-à-dire que l'accès aux archives ne sera normalement autorisé que si des archives diplomatiques analogues sont ouvertes aux chercheurs dans le pays du demandeur ou au siège d'une organisation issue d'un traité multilatéral auquel ce pays est partie.
3. L'autorisation du Secrétaire général de l'UEO sera donnée aux demandeurs par écrit et notifiée au Public Record Office.
4. Lorsqu'il aura reçu l'autorisation écrite mentionnée au paragraphe 3 ci-dessus, le demandeur devra, quand cela lui conviendra, se présenter au Public Record Office avec la lettre d'autorisation du Secrétaire général. Une carte de lecteur lui sera alors délivrée.
5. Un exemplaire de toutes les publications résultant de l'examen des archives microfilmées ou la transcription de toute présentation publique devra être transmis à titre gratuit au Secrétaire général dans les meilleurs délais.
6. Les archives originales sont conservées dans les bureaux de l'UEO et ne sont pas ouvertes au public.

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BRUSSELS TREATY ORGANIZATION
PERIOD 1948 – 1950
POLITICAL FILES

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1	1948 July – 1949 March 1949 June – 1950 Dec	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Records of sessions of the Consultative Council</u></p> Vol. I: 2 nd -5 th sessions (indexed in DG/3) Vol. II: 6 th -10 th sessions (sessions 6-9 indexed in DG 1/3)	
	1948 Apr-Dec 1949 Jan-May	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Minutes of meetings of the Permanent Council</u></p> Vol. I: 1 st -46 th meetings Vol. II part 1 : 47 th -69 ^{th*} meetings	
2	1949 May 1949 Jun-Dec 1950 Jan-Dec	Vol. II part 2 : 69 th -71 st meetings Vol. III : 72 nd -95 th meetings Vol. IV : 96 th -128 th meetings	
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- The English minutes of the 69th meeting are in part 1; the French minutes are in part 2.

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	1949-1952	Social security schemes : extension and coordination (signed 7 Nov. 1949)	
	1950-1952	Frontier workers (signed 7 April 1950)	
	1950-1952	Student employees (signed 17 April 1950)	
	1948 July – 1949 Feb.	Council of Europe : extracts from minutes and other papers (folios 1-108)	
	1949 Feb.- 1950 March	Council of Europe : extracts from minutes and other papers (folios 109-229)	
	1948	Discriminatory treatment amongst the Five : Secretary-General's note.	
	1949-1950	Relations with East Germany : extracts from minutes and other papers	
1949-1950	Relations with West Germany : extracts from minutes		
1948-1949	Relations with Israel : extracts from minutes and other papers		

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	1950	Korea : extracts from minutes and other papers	
	1948	Overseas territories : extracts from minutes and other papers	
	1948	Permanent Commission : Composition and relations with other bodies	
	1948	Ditto : progress report	
	1948-1950	Terms of reference of the Permanent Commission, the Consultative Council and various committees	
	1948-1949	Press issues : communiqués and reports released by the Permanent Commission	
	1950	Ditto	
	1949	Soviet-Yugoslav relations : Secretary-General's notes and extracts from minutes	
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	1948-1950	United Nations General Assembly : records of meetings of experts prior to U.N. sessions	

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5	1948	<u>BRUSSELS TREATY ORGANIZATION</u> (cont'd) Conference of five Defence Ministers and Chiefs of Staff of Brussels Treaty Powers : minutes of meeting 30 April 1948	
	1948	Ditto : minutes of meeting, 27 September 1948	
	1949	Ditto : minutes of meeting, 14 January 1949	
	1949	Ditto : minutes of meeting, 7 April 1949	
	1949	Ditto : minutes of meeting, 15-16 July 1949	
	1949	Ditto : minutes of meeting, 23 November 1949	
	1950	Ditto : minutes of meeting, 5 September 1950	
6	1948-1950	Chiefs of Staff committee : minutes of meetings, August 1948-June 1950	

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	1948	Military Committee : minutes of meetings, August-December	
	1949	Ditto : minutes of meetings, January-April	
	1949	Ditto : minutes of meetings, May-August	
	1949	Ditto : minutes of meetings, September-December	
	1950	Ditto : minutes of meetings, January-April	
	1950	Ditto : minutes of meetings, May-July	
	1948-1950	Ministers of Finance meetings, April-October 1948 and January 1950 : reports	
	1948-1949	Finance and Economic Committee : minutes of meetings, November 1948 – May 1949	
8	1949	Ditto : minutes of meetings, June-December 1949	
	1950	Ditto : minutes of meetings, February-December 1950	
	1949-1950	Ditto : reports	
	1949-1950	Ditto : documents	

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9	1950	Western Union Supply Board, Supply Executive Committee : minutes	
	1949	Ditto : reports	
	1950	Ditto : reports	
		Subject files	
	1948	Military questions, Military Committee papers, progress reports and correspondence : April-September	
10	1948	Ditto : October-December	
	1949	Ditto : January-March	
	1949	Ditto : April-December	
11	1950	Ditto : January-December	
	1948-1950	Defence cooperation	
	1948-1949	Financing of military costs	
	1950	Ditto : January-April	
12	1950	Ditto : May-December	

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	1949	Request of US government for military assistance	
	1949	Bilateral agreement for distribution of military aid	
13	1949-1951	Additional production programme	
	1949	Status of members of armed forces	
	1949-1950	Ditto	
14	1949-1951	Expenditure on headquarters	
	1949-1951	Supply of RAF equipment to Western Union air forces	
	1948	Utilisation of certain armaments	
	1949	Control of exports of strategic materials	
	1950	Vulnerable key points that need protection	
	1948	Ideological aspect of defence : note by Secretary-General and extract from minutes of Permanent Commission	
	1949-1951	Non-warlike stores : report and minutes of Sub-Committee	

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15	1951 Nov -1954 Apr	Vol III : 11 th -14 th sessions Minutes of meetings of the Permanent Commission	
16	1951 Jan – 1952 Dec	Vol V : 129 th -160 th meetings	
17	1953 Jan – 1955 Apr	Vol VI : 161 th -182 nd meetings <u>Subject Files</u> <u>Council of Europe</u>	
18	1950-1952	Vol II	
19	1953-1955	Vol III	
20	1948-1954	Vol IV : annual reports from the Brussels Treaty Organization to the Council of Europe	
21	1948-1950	Economic cooperation under Article I of the Brussels Treaty	

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23	1951-1953	Relations with West Germany	
24	1951	Relations with Hungary : deportations	
25	1952-1953	Moscow Economic Conference	
26	1951	Relations between the Netherlands and Indonesia	
27	1951-1954	Political activities : discussions in the Permanent Commission and with the Directeurs Généraux de la Politique	
28	1954	Protocols to the Brussels Treaty (leading to the amendment of the Treaty and the foundation of Western European Union)	
29	1951 Jan – 1954 Oct	Press issues	
30	1952	Relations with Roumania : deportations	
31	1953-1954	Social Security : administrative arrangements	
32	1951-1954	United Nations General Assembly : Records of meetings of experts prior to United Nations sessions	
33	1950	USSR and satellites : broadcasts	
34	1951	Relations with Yugoslavia	

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38	1951	Additional production programme, Vol II	
39	1951-1955	Expenditure on headquarters, Vol II	
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* See also DG 1/11

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INTERIM PERIOD
between
BRUSSELS TREATY ORGANIZATION
and
WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION

(SEPT 1954 to MAY 1955)

Note : Western European Union came into being on ratification of the MODIFIED BRUSSELS TREATY on 6 MAY 1955.

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44	1954 Oct	London Working Group : documents and reports	
45	1954 Oct	Paris Steering Group : Working Party on NATO arrangements	
46	1954 Oct	Paris, Four and Nine Power Conference : documents	
47	1954 Oct	Paris, Nine Power Conference : documents	
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WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION

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Note : Western European Union came into being on ratification of the MODIFIED BRUSSELS TREATY on 6 May 1955.

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54	1956 Apr- July	45 th – 54 th	
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56	1956 Oct- Dec	62 nd – 67 th	
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