

Draft reply by the British delegation to Recommendation 54 from the WEU Assembly on the association of Great Britain with the energy policy of the Six (London, 18 May 1961)

Caption: On 18 May 1961, as debates are held on the future relationship between the United Kingdom and the Europe of Six, the Secretary-General of Western European Union (WEU) circulates a draft reply by the British delegation to Assembly Recommendation 54 on the association of Great Britain with the energy policy of the Six. The document notes that the British Government already cooperates with the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) in the Energy Working Party set up by the Council of Association's Coal Committee. The Council emphasises that the development of a coordinated energy policy largely depends on the action taken on a potential application for accession by the United Kingdom to the European Communities. It also points out that an adequate supply of energy is one of the main bases of economic security.

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SECRETARY-GENERAL'S NOTE

Assembly Recommendation No. 54

The Secretary-General circulates herewith a draft reply submitted by the United Kingdom delegation to Assembly Recommendation No. 54 on the association of Great Britain with the energy policy of the Six powers (cf. CR (61) 12, III, 3); it was considered by the Working Party at their meeting of 18th May 1961.

Delegations are requested to inform the Secretariat at their earliest convenience whether they can agree to this draft.

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Draft reply to Assembly Recommendation No. 54

The Council have considered with great interest Recommendation No. 54 on the association of Great Britain with the energy policy of the Six. They agree with the Assembly that an adequate supply of energy is one of the main bases of economic security and improved living standards.

The British Government are already collaborating with the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community in the Energy Working Party of the Council of Association's Coal Committee. The Assembly will appreciate that the formulation of a co-ordinated energy policy, together with the necessary legal and technical procedures, will depend largely on the action taken on Recommendation No. 53 concerning the accession of the United Kingdom to the communities of the Six. As the Assembly will be aware from the Council's reply to that recommendation, this question is at present under detailed consideration. The Council will give the same careful attention to this matter which they are giving to Recommendation No. 53.