

# Draft Recommendation adopted as a matter of urgency by the Presidential Committee of the WEU Assembly on the resumption of hostilities in the Near East (Paris, 18 October 1973)


**Caption:** On 18 October 1973, in view of the Yom Kippur War between Israel and the Egyptian and Syrian armies, the Presidential Committee, steering body of the Assembly of Western European Union (WEU), adopts a draft Recommendation as a matter of urgency on behalf of the Plenary Assembly on the resumption of hostilities in the Near East. The Recommendation sets out the Assembly’s concerns about the consequences of the conflict for the security of Europe, since it creates an unstable situation in the immediate proximity of Europe and affords the Soviet Union the possibility of extending its influence in the area, exposing the Mediterranean countries to greater threat. The Assembly calls for an urgent meeting of the WEU Council at ministerial level to examine the measures which should be taken to ensure the security of Europe and determine the means of applying an embargo on supplies of arms to the belligerents.

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# WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION

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"Paris, 18th October, 1973

Convened under urgent procedure the Presidential Committee, the steering body of the W.E.U. Assembly acting on behalf of the Plenary Assembly, adopted the following draft Recommendation in Paris this afternoon for immediate transmission to the Council of Ministers:-

The Assembly,

Deploping the resumption of hostilities in the Near East;

Concerned furthermore about the consequences which the Near East conflict has for the security of Europe;

Considering in particular that this conflict creates an unstable situation in the immediate proximity of Europe and affords the Soviet Union the possibility of extending its influence in the area and exposing the Mediterranean countries to greater threat;

Considering that supplies of arms to the belligerents may involve the supplying countries in the war;

Considering that the situation in the Near East requires that the Council be convened in application of Article VIII, paragraph 3 of the modified Brussels Treaty to permit the Contracting Parties to: "consult with regard to any situation which may constitute a threat to peace, in whatever area this threat should arise, or a danger to economic stability";

## RECOMMENDS THAT THE COUNCIL

1. meet urgently at Ministerial level to:
  - a. examine the political, economic and military measures which should be taken to ensure the security of Europe;
  - b. determine means of applying a joint embargo by member countries on supplies of arms to the belligerents and invite the Soviet Union and the United States to join this embargo;
2. report to the Assembly at the second part of its nineteenth Ordinary Session on the steps taken in implementation of this Recommendation."