

Recommendation 235 of the WEU Assembly on nuclear policies in Europe (Paris, 19 June 1973)


Caption: On 19 June 1973, the Assembly of Western European Union (WEU) adopts Recommendation 235 on nuclear policies in Europe, encouraging the WEU Council to promote a European policy on the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and to investigate, with the United States, the possibility of adopting common Atlantic nuclear policies.

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RECOMMENDATION 235
on nuclear policies in Europe

The Assembly,

Aware of the possible danger for the security of the Western European countries of being mainly dependent on external sources of energy ;

Considering that the research and development stage dominated by national atomic energy authorities is nearly over and that the industrial era has started in which industry will have to play the principal rôle ;

Considering the need to promote an industrial climate in which the Western European nuclear industry can flourish, to diminish Europe's dependence on external sources of energy and to compete on the world market of nuclear power plants ;

Considering the pilot studies made in the NATO Committee on the Challenges of Modern Society and their consequences in the industrial field,

INVITES THE COUNCIL

1. To promote a European policy on the peaceful uses of nuclear energy :
 - (a) within the Community of the Nine ;
 - (b) within a wider framework, particularly in conjunction with the OECD ;
2. To urge the nine-power Community to associate other Western European States with the work of the Standing Committee on Uranium Enrichment Co-ordination ;
3. To investigate with the United States Government the possibility of adopting common Atlantic nuclear policies, and the use of a similar approach as in the NATO Committee on the Challenges of Modern Society.