

Recommendation 88 of the WEU Assembly on defence outside the NATO area and the Cuban crisis (Paris, 4 December 1962)

Caption: On 4 December 1962, following the successful resolution of the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Assembly of Western European Union (WEU) adopts Recommendation 88, encouraging the WEU Council to initiate discussions in the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) on defence outside the NATO area and the interpretation of Article 6 of the North Atlantic Treaty. The Assembly believes that the Cuban crisis has clearly shown that actions by NATO powers outside the NATO area have a direct impact on the fate of all the allies.

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RECOMMENDATION 88
on defence outside the NATO area

The Cuban crisis

The Assembly,

Noting with satisfaction the prompt action of the United States of America in face of the threat constituted by the Soviet bases in Cuba, and welcoming the successful result for the free world in constraining the Soviet Union to withdraw its missiles from these bases ;

Considering that the Cuban crisis has made clear that the actions by NATO powers outside the NATO area have a direct impact upon the fate of all the allies ;

Referring to Recommendations 77 and 78 adopted on 6th and 7th June 1962,

RECOMMENDS THAT THE COUNCIL

Initiate discussions in the NATO Council :

1. With a view to enhancing its political authority and to achieving closer integration of military and political planning and action ;
2. On the interpretation of Article 6 of the North Atlantic Treaty in the light of the present situation in which the security of NATO member States is indivisible whether north or south of the Tropic of Cancer.