

Recommendation 253 of the WEU Assembly on a European policy on the peaceful uses of nuclear energy (Paris, 19 June 1974)

Caption: On 19 June 1974, the Assembly of Western European Union (WEU) adopts Recommendation 253 on a European policy on the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

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RECOMMENDATION 253***on a European policy on the peaceful
uses of nuclear energy***

The Assembly,

Regretting that after nearly twenty years of nuclear activities in the European framework it has not proved possible to formulate a common industrial nuclear policy ;

Aware of the present tendency, particularly since the oil crisis, to seek solutions to energy problems within a national framework without attempting to find a European solution ;

Aware also that no binding decisions can be expected from international organisations such as the United Nations ;

Conscious of the need to reach to a greater extent common political decisions on the type of reactors which the national utilities should adopt ;

Considering that political decisions will be based on the advice of the national nuclear energy agencies ;

Considering that industrialists cannot act in concert unless political agreements have been reached,

RECOMMENDS THAT THE COUNCIL

Urge the governments of member countries :

1. To convene the heads of national nuclear energy agencies and of public utilities to meet within the appropriate framework with a view to determining a joint policy and making recommendations to their respective governments on the choice of reactors for the medium and long term ;
2. To seek political agreement on the choice of reactors to be built for the utilities for the medium and long term ;
3. To promote the formation of a limited number of large-scale industrial nuclear groupings and to extend competition to the whole of Western Europe ;
4. To establish incentives for industrial development for European groupings on a European rather than national scale ;
5. To ensure that Europe has sufficient independence in the nuclear field so that it may elaborate its own industrial strategy and be free to export European-made nuclear power plants and other nuclear industrial products ;
6. To initiate joint action to inform public opinion of the necessity and implications of the widespread use of nuclear power and the alternatives if this is denied.