

Extract from minutes of the 212th meeting of the WEU Council concerning Assembly Recommendation 77 (31 October 1962)


Caption: On 31 October 1962, the minutes of the conclusions of the 212th meeting of the Council of Western European Union (WEU) outline the discussions held in the Council on the WEU Parliamentary Assembly's Recommendation 77, which concerns the future organisation of Western defence on the executive and parliamentary levels, and confirm the French request for an amendment, which is taken into account for the drafting of document C (62) 151.

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EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF 212th MEETING

OF W.E.U. COUNCIL HELD ON 31 Oct. 1962

II. QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ASSEMBLY

1. Replies to Recommendations 74-78 and 80-82

[not relevant
neg] (CR (62) 17, III, 1; C (62) 138)

The CHAIRMAN recalled that nine Recommendations had been adopted by the Assembly at their last session, Nos. 74-82. The Council had already approved a reply to No. 79, and this had been sent to the Assembly. Draft replies to the others were now submitted with document C (62) 138; these had been examined by the working group which had met on 18th October, with the exception of the British draft reply to Recommendation No. 82. He enquired whether the Council could approve them.

M. SAVORGNAN entered a general reserve on document C (62) 138.

b) Recommendation 77

Sir Evelyn SHUCKBURGH suggested that the text of the second paragraph of Part I would be improved by the deletion of the word "entire".

M. de COURCEL proposed the deletion of the whole of this paragraph. He thought the terms in which it was couched, which repeated the wording of the Recommendation itself, were too categorical; on the other hand, it would be difficult to work out a satisfactory alternative wording.

M. de THIER, whilst considering that it was difficult to conceive of defence outside NATO, could accept the proposed deletion.

Other delegations could also accept this amendment (Netherlands reserve).

Sir Evelyn SHUCKBURGH proposed that the third sentence of the last paragraph of Part II should be amended to read: "The Council share the view ...".

This amendment was also accepted.

In conclusion,

the COUNCIL:

APPROVED an amended draft reply to Recommendation 77 (Italian and Netherlands reserves). **

** Reserve lifted subsequently: cf. C(62)151