

Draft reply by the French delegation to the WEU Council to Assembly Recommendation 293 (London, 11 January 1977)


Caption: On 11 January 1977, the Secretariat-General circulates a note containing the draft drawn up by the French delegation for the reply to Recommendation 293 of the Western European Union (WEU) Assembly on European union and WEU. The reply notes that the Standing Armaments Committee (SAC) has been instructed to draft a study on the armaments industry (see C(77)144), working in coordination with the independent European Programme Group (IEPG), a body within the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO). The Assembly will be kept informed of the results of the study and, in accordance with Article 10 of the Council decision of 7 May 1955 establishing the SAC, other allies can also take part in the arrangements drawn up within this framework.

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Recommendation 293 on European union and W.E.U. (C (76) 164)

The Secretariat-General circulates herewith a draft reply, prepared by the French delegation, to Assembly Recommendation 293 on European union and W.E.U.

This draft will be considered by the working group at a forthcoming meeting.

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prepared by the French delegation

1. The Council have duly noted the interest taken by the Assembly of W.E.U. in the activities of the Standing Armaments Committee and welcome the fact that their concern is shared by the Assembly. It is, indeed, the Council's view that a detailed knowledge of the economic, legal and industrial facts of the armaments industry would help to further the development of European co-operation in the armaments field and this is why the Ministers instructed the S.A.C. to draft a detailed outline programme for a study of these questions. The Council have every interest in reaching an early decision on the proposals to be submitted to them, in order to have the results of this study available as soon as possible.

2. Co-ordination of the work to be undertaken by the S.A.C. with that of the independent European Programme Group should not give rise to any major difficulty. Indeed, if studies of related subjects were undertaken by both bodies, they would inevitably be entrusted to the same national experts, who would ensure that there was no duplication. Furthermore, it would seem that the fields to be studied are sufficiently

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varied to be shared between the S.A.C. and the E.P.G. without danger of duplication. It was moreover in this spirit that the E.P.G. decided, at its meeting of 22nd November, that studies undertaken by the sub-group on industrial co-operation would take account of the work done by the S.A.C. of W.E.U.

3. The Council will certainly keep the Assembly informed of the results of the studies conducted by the Standing Armaments Committee.

4. As stated in Article 10 of the Council decision of 7th May, 1955, setting up the S.A.C., agreements or arrangements drawn up within the framework of the Standing Armaments Committee remain open to participation by other allied countries.

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