

# Recommendation 260 of the WEU Assembly on the energy crisis and European security (Bonn, 26 May 1975)

**Caption:** On 26 May 1975, given the impact of the oil shock, the Assembly of Western European Union (WEU) adopts Recommendation 260 on the energy crisis and European security. The Assembly particularly recommends that the WEU Council urge the Nine to define their common energy policy as soon as possible, encouraging France to take part in the International Energy Agency (IEA). While the Recommendation advocates concerted action between producer and consumer countries with a view to organising the world oil market, it also emphasises the importance for each member country to constitute or maintain strategic reserves of oil products at a level it shall define.

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**RECOMMENDATION 260**  
***on the energy crisis and European security***

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The Assembly,

Recalling Recommendation 241 on oil and energy problems ;

Regretting that the Council did not find it necessary to give a satisfactory reply to that recommendation ;

Considering that supplies of energy for Europe at stable and reasonable prices are essential for its security ;

Noting with satisfaction that the Nine have affirmed their intention of working out a common European energy policy ;

Welcoming the initiative taken by the Group of Twelve to promote solidarity between the western countries and Japan in respect of oil supplies ;

Expressing the hope that as many countries as possible, including Norway, should co-operate with the International Energy Agency ;

Considering that close concerted action between the oil-producing and consumer countries is essential for the re-establishment of a balanced world energy market,

**RECOMMENDS THAT THE COUNCIL**

1. Urge the Nine to define their common energy policy without delay ;
2. Encourage the French Government to take part in the International Energy Agency ;
3. Invite the governments of the other member countries to seek to concert the action of producer and consumer countries with a view to organising the world oil market on a basis acceptable to all ;
4. Ensure that each member country constitutes or maintains strategic reserves of oil products at a level it shall define ;
5. Inform the Assembly of measures taken in the specialised international fora referred to in its reply to Recommendation 241.