

Recommendation 121 of the WEU Assembly on defence outside the NATO area (Paris, 1 June 1965)

Caption: On 1 June 1965, the Assembly of Western European Union (WEU) adopts Recommendation 121 on defence outside the NATO area. Realising that the interests of the WEU countries extend outside the area of Europe and the structure of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), the Assembly recommends to the WEU Council that it review the individual military commitments outside Europe of the nations within the Brussels Treaty so as to establish which of them are in the interests of all Member States and to what extent.

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RECOMMENDATION 121
on defence outside the NATO area

The Assembly,

Realising that the interests of the nations of WEU extend outside the area of Europe, of the geographical boundaries of our own nations and the structure of NATO ;

Believing that the interests of all of the nations of Western European Union and the peace of the world can be threatened by expansion of Russian or Chinese communism ;

Understanding that considerable military expenditure, obligation by treaty, financial commitments and economic aid are spread throughout Asia and Africa by nations within WEU ;

Believing that all nations of WEU benefit to some extent by the individual financial and military efforts made by WEU nations outside Europe ;

Considering that a greater co-ordination and sharing of those commitments might increase their effectiveness,

RECOMMENDS TO THE COUNCIL

1. That it review the individual military commitments outside Europe of the nations within the Brussels Treaty, to establish which of these are in the interests of all member States, and to what degree ;
2. That the individual and community financial and economic aid given outside Europe be considered, to try to ensure that this is based on a co-ordinated policy ;
3. That it consider a policy for the more equitable working and sharing of those burdens which benefit WEU member countries, and that the results be reviewed annually.