

Draft reply by the United Kingdom delegation to Recommendation 93 on the revised Brussels Treaty (London, 16 September 1963)


Caption: On 16 September 1963, the Secretary-General of Western European Union (WEU) circulates the amendments proposed by the United Kingdom delegation to the draft reply by the Council to Recommendation 93 (WPM(335)). The British delegation suggests removing the section that refers to the importance placed by the Council on the entry into force of the Convention and simplifying but preserving the substance of the paragraph proposed by France. Moreover, the British believe that the fact that the provisions of the revised Brussels Treaty do not apply equally to each Member State cannot be described as discrimination since the treaty should be considered as a balanced whole with regard to national interests.

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SECRETARY-GENERAL'S NOTE

Assembly Recommendation 93

At the Council's meeting of 11th September 1963 the United Kingdom delegation stated that they wished to propose certain changes to the draft reply to Recommendation 93 contained in document WPM (335) (cf. CR (63) 16, V, 2).

The Secretary-General circulates herewith a new text suggested by the United Kingdom delegation.

This document will be considered by the working group at their meeting on 17th September 1963.

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Draft reply to Recommendation 93

1. The Council have taken note of the recommendation that Governments of member States which have not yet ratified the Convention of 14th December 1957 making provision for due process of law, called for by Article XI of Protocol No. IV, should do so in order to enable the Convention to enter into force.
2. As regards measures to be taken in preparation for the control of stocks of atomic weapons, the fixing of levels of stocks raises complex legal and technical problems. The Committee of the Assembly on Defence Questions and Armaments were made aware of some of these problems during the detailed exchange of views which took place at their last joint meeting with the Council on 27th September 1962. As regards the non-production of atomic weapons, the Agency has always been in a position to report that no unauthorised production has been noted.
3. It is true that all the provisions of the revised Brussels Treaty do not apply equally to each member State. But these differences cannot be described as discriminations. The Paris Agreements of 1954 should be considered as a whole, and national interests were carefully and equally balanced. The Council would see difficulty in negotiating a radical revision of the Treaty on the lines proposed at the present time.

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