

## Draft reply by the United Kingdom delegation to Recommendation 83 on the state of European security and a NATO nuclear force (London, 30 April 1963)

**Caption:** On 30 April 1963, the Secretary-General of Western European Union (WEU) circulates the draft reply prepared by the United Kingdom delegation to Assembly Recommendation 83 on the state of European security and a NATO nuclear force. The draft focuses on the possible establishment of a nuclear force for the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), composed of existing forces from elements of the British and United States strategic forces and new arms from the forces of the Atlantic Alliance. The draft reply emphasises that these matters are under discussion in the North Atlantic Council.

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## SECRETARY-GENERAL'S NOTE

Assembly Recommendation No. 83

(cf. WPM (310))

The Secretary-General circulates herewith a draft reply to Recommendation No. 83 on the state of European security and a NATO nuclear force, prepared by the United Kingdom delegation (cf. WPM (310)).

This draft will be considered by the Working Party at their next meeting.

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Draft reply to Assembly Recommendation No. 83

The state of European security and a NATO nuclear force

As the Assembly will already be aware, subsequent events have largely overtaken the Report on which this Recommendation is based.

Proposals have already been made for the creation of a NATO Nuclear Force and are now under consideration in NATO. Initially this Force would be composed of existing forces. Elements of the British and United States strategic forces would be assigned to NATO for the first time. The force would also include certain tactical delivery systems already deployed with NATO forces.

As later weapons are developed, they would be introduced into the NATO nuclear force. This process might include the establishment of a mixed-manned element possibly composed of missile-bearing surface ships, each with an international crew.

The composition of the proposed force, and also the arrangements for command, targetting and control are under discussion in the North Atlantic Council. The matter will be considered further by the Ministerial meeting of the North Atlantic Council at Ottawa on May 22nd - 24th.

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