

Treaty of Amsterdam — Declaration No 6 on the establishment of a policy planning and early warning unit (2 October 1997)

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The Conference agrees that:

- 1. A policy planning and early warning unit shall be established in the General Secretariat of the Council under the responsibility of its Secretary-General, High Representative for the CFSP. Appropriate cooperation shall be established with the Commission in order to ensure full coherence with the Union's external economic and development policies.
- 2. The tasks of the unit shall include the following:
- (a) monitoring and analysing developments in areas relevant to the CFSP;
- (b) providing assessments of the Union's foreign and security policy interests and identifying areas where the CFSP could focus in future;
- (c) providing timely assessments and early warning of events or situations which may have significant repercussions for the Union's foreign and security policy, including potential political crises;
- (d) producing, at the request of either the Council or the Presidency or on its own initiative, argued policy options papers to be presented under the responsibility of the Presidency as a contribution to policy formulation in the Council, and which may contain analyses, recommendations and strategies for the CFSP.
- 3. The unit shall consist of personnel drawn from the General Secretariat, the Member States, the Commission and the WEU.
- 4. Any Member State or the Commission may make suggestions to the unit for work to be undertaken.
- 5. Member States and the Commission shall assist the policy planning process by providing, to the fullest extent possible, relevant information, including confidential information.

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