Evolution of the article in the EU Treaty concerning WEU

Caption: Table showing the evolution of the article in the Treaty on European Union (EU Treaty) which addresses the role of Western European Union (WEU) and its relations with the EU.

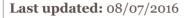
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	Article 17 (J.7) of the EU Treaty	Article 17 of the EU Treaty (Nice, 26
(Maastricht, 7 February 1992)		February 2001)
	1. The common foreign and security	1. The common foreign and security
security policy shall include	policy shall include all questions	policy shall include all questions
all questions related to the	relating to the security of the Union,	relating to the security of the Union,
security of the Union,	including the progressive framing of a	including the progressive framing of a
_	common defence policy, in accordance	common defence policy, which might
framing of a common defence	with the second subparagraph, which	lead to a common defence, should the
policy, which might in time	might lead to a common defence,	European Council so decide. It shall in
lead to a common defence.	should the European Council so	that case recommend to the Member
	decide. It shall in that case recommend	States the adoption of such a decision
	to the Member States the adoption of	in accordance with their respective
	such a decision in accordance with	constitutional requirements.
	their respective constitutional	
	requirements.	
2. The Union requests the	The Western European Union (WEU)	The subparagraph is deleted
_	is an integral part of the development	
` '	of the Union providing the Union with	
Γ -	access to an operational capability	
	notably in the context of paragraph 2.	
	It supports the Union in framing the	
	defence aspects of the common foreign	
-	and security policy as set out in this	
	Article. The Union shall accordingly	
	foster closer institutional relations with	
	1	with this Article shall not prejudice the
	of the integration of the WEU into the	-
arrangements.	_	defence policy of certain Member
		States and shall respect the obligations
		of certain Member States, which see
	adoption of such a decision in	their common defence realised in the
	accordance with their respective	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
	constitutional requirements.	(NATO), under the North Atlantic
		Treaty and be compatible with the
	The policy of the Union in accordance	
	with this Article shall not prejudice the	established within that framework.
	specific character of the security and	
	defence policy of certain Member	The progressive framing of a common
	States and shall respect the obligations	
	of certain Member States, which see	Member States consider appropriate,
	their common defence realised in the	by cooperation between them in the
	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation	field of armaments.
	(NATO), under the North Atlantic	2. Overstions referred to in this Autistic
	_	2. Questions referred to in this Article
	common security and defence policy	shall include humanitarian and rescue
	established within that framework.	tasks, peacekeeping tasks and tasks of



combat forces in crisis management, The progressive framing of a common including peacemaking. defence policy will be supported, as Member States consider appropriate, 3. The subparagraph is deleted by cooperation between them in the field of armaments. The subparagraph is deleted 2. Questions referred to in this Article shall include humanitarian and rescue tasks, peacekeeping tasks and tasks of combat forces in crisis management, The subparagraph is deleted including peacemaking. 3. The Union will avail itself of the WEU to elaborate and implement decisions and actions of the Union which have defence implications. The competence of the European Council to establish guidelines in accordance with Article 13 shall also obtain in respect of the WEU for those matters for which the Union avails itself of the WEU. When the Union avails itself of the WEU to elaborate and implement decisions of the Union on the tasks referred to in paragraph 2 all Member States of the Union shall be entitled to participate fully in the tasks in question. The Council, in agreement with the institutions of the WEU, shall adopt the necessary practical arrangements to allow all Member States contributing to the tasks in question to participate fully and on an equal footing in planning and decisiontaking in the WEU. 3. Issues having defence Decisions having defence implications 3. Decisions having defence implications dealt with under dealt with under this paragraph shall implications dealt with under this this Article shall not be be taken without prejudice to the Article shall be taken without subject to the procedures set policies and obligations referred to in prejudice to the policies and out in Article J.3. paragraph 1, third subparagraph. obligations referred to in paragraph 1, second subparagraph. 4. The policy of the Union in See third subparagraph in paragraph accordance with this Article 1of Article 17



shall not prejudice the		
specific character of the		
security and defence policy of		
certain Member States and		
shall respect the obligations		
of certain Member States		
under the North Atlantic		
Treaty and be compatible		
with the common security and		
defence policy established		
within that framework.		
5. The provisions of this	4. The provisions of this Article shall	4. The provisions of this Article shall
Article shall not prevent the	not prevent the development of closer	not prevent the development of closer
development of closer	cooperation between two or more	cooperation between two or more
cooperation between two or	Member States on a bilateral level, in	Member States on a bilateral level, in
more Member States on a	the framework of the WEU and the	the framework of the Western
bilateral level, in the	Atlantic Alliance, provided such	European Union (WEU) and NATO,
framework of the WEU and	cooperation does not run counter to or	provided such cooperation does not
the Atlantic Alliance,	impede that provided for in this Title.	run counter to or impede that provided
provided such cooperation		for in this title.
does not run counter to or		
impede that provided for in		
this Title.		
6. With a view to furthering	5. With a view to furthering the	5. With a view to furthering the
the objective of this Treaty,	objectives of this Article, the	objectives of this Article, the
and having in view the date of	provisions of this Article will be	provisions of this Article will be
1998 in the context of Article	reviewed in accordance with Article	reviewed in accordance with Article
XII of the Brussels Treaty,	48.	48.
the provisions of this Article		
may be revised as provided		
for in Article N(2) on the		
basis of a report to be		
presented in 1996 by the		
Council to the European		
Council, which shall include		
an evaluation of the progress		
made and the experience		
gained until then.		
*European Union		

