

## Reply by the WEU Council to Assembly Recommendation 216 on the political implications of the European Security Conference (London, 24 May 1972)

**Caption:** On 24 May 1972, the Secretary-General of Western European Union (WEU) circulates the WEU Council's final reply to Assembly Recommendation 216 on the political implications of the European Security Conference. The Council welcomes the recent progress in the development of East–West relations and sees the security conference as an opportunity to further promote peace in Europe, provided the Western countries maintain close cooperation, hold regular consultations and prepare for the conference properly in order to improve confidence between the two blocs.

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## SECRETARY-GENERAL'S NOTE

### Assembly Recommendation 216

The Secretary-General circulates herewith the Council's reply to Assembly Recommendation 216 on the political implications of the European Security Conference.

The reply, adopted by the Council at their meeting on 24th May, 1972, has now been forwarded to the Assembly (CR (72) 9, II, 1).

  
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Reply to Assembly Recommendation 216  
on the political implications of the European  
Security Conference

The Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe may prove an event which, in addition to the successful efforts which are now in progress for peace and security in Europe, détente between East and West and the solution of central European problems, may further assist and serve these causes. Its task should be actively to promote a solution of the vital problems which concern all the participants in the Conference by considering in particular the topics which the western countries have taken note of and have agreed to study further with a view to facilitating their constructive discussion at such a Conference.

These topics are: questions of security, including principles governing relations between states and certain military aspects of security; freer movement of people, information and ideas; co-operation in the economic and scientific field; co-operation to improve the human environment.

The Conference can make a useful contribution to the improvement of conditions in Europe, provided the western countries

- do not neglect their security and their close co-operation,
- concert their views beforehand as necessary through the normal machinery established for consultation,
- prepare for the Conference properly, so that they can put forward proposals intended to improve confidence between East and West, contribute to the security of all the states participating in the Conference and develop co-operative relations between governments, institutions and people.