

Reply by the WEU Council to Assembly Recommendation 78 on defence outside the NATO area (London, 6 November 1962)

Caption: On 6 November 1962, the Secretary-General of Western European Union (WEU) circulates the final reply by the WEU Council to Assembly Recommendation 78 on defence outside the NATO area. The Council recognises the soundness of the view that the main object of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) is the preservation of a way of life and that it cannot therefore be limited to the defence of a geographical area. In the course of their political consultations, the WEU Member States, as members of NATO, closely follow and discuss all international developments wherever they occur.

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SECRETARY-GENERAL'S NOTE

Assembly Recommendations Nos. 74 and 78

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The Secretary-General circulates herewith the Council's replies to Assembly Recommendations 74 and 78, as amended and approved at their meeting of 31st October 1962 (CR (62) 18, II, 1).

The replies have been sent to the President of the Assembly.

In addition, a copy of Recommendation No. 78 and the reply thereto have been forwarded to the Secretary-General of NATO.

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Reply to Recommendation 78
on defence outside the NATO area

Recommendation 78 relates to defence outside the NATO area.

Its underlying principle is that the interests of the Alliance extend outside the geographical area defined in Article 6 of the North Atlantic Treaty. As Mr. Kershaw pointed out in his report, it is based on the idea that the Treaty has as its main object the preservation of a way of life and cannot therefore be limited to the defence of a geographical area (Document 230, paragraph 2).

The Council do not contest the soundness of this view. As the Assembly is aware, the member Governments, as members of NATO, follow closely all significant international developments wherever they occur and discuss them from time to time in the course of their political consultations.

The Council have taken steps to transmit the Recommendation to NATO, calling special attention to the concrete proposals which it contains.