

Reply by the WEU Council to Assembly Recommendation 252 (London, 24 October 1974)

Caption: On 24 October 1974, the Secretariat-General of Western European Union (WEU) circulates the final reply by the Council to Assembly Recommendation 252 on consultation and decisions in the Atlantic Alliance. The Council informs the Assembly that informal arrangements have been introduced for consultation between the Nine and the United States, while assuring the Assembly that close consultations are also being held between the Allies taking part in the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE). Furthermore, the US Administration keeps its European Allies informed, within the North Atlantic Council, of any developments in the strategic arms limitation talks.

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SECRETARY-GENERAL'S NOTE

Assembly Recommendation 252

The Secretary-General circulates herewith the Council's reply to Assembly Recommendation 252.

The reply, adopted by the Council at their meeting on 23rd October, 1974, has been forwarded to the Assembly (CR (74).16, III, 2).

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Reply to Recommendation 252
on consultation and decisions in
the Atlantic Alliance

1. The Council can assure the Assembly that the importance of close consultation and co-operation is fully recognised within the Alliance, as paragraph 11 of the Ottawa Declaration on Atlantic Relations makes clear. Meetings of the North Atlantic Council are attended by senior officials and experts from capitals as and when their authorities consider this to be useful.

The Council point out that the importance of Article 2 of the North Atlantic Treaty was fully recognised in paragraphs 11 and 12 of the Ottawa Declaration, which states that Allied Governments will work to remove sources of conflict between their economic policies and recalls their dedication to the principles of democracy, respect for human rights, justice and social progress.

2. As regards the separate problem of relations between the Nine and the United States, the Council are glad to inform the Assembly that informal practical arrangements for consultation between the Nine and the United States have been worked out, and are already being put into effect. Such consultation in no way derogates from the importance of the bilateral channels of information and consultation between individual members of the Nine and the United States.

The Council can assure the Assembly that there are close and regular consultations between the Allies taking part in the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe and in the negotiations on mutual and balanced force reductions. The United States authorities also keep the European Allies informed, in the North Atlantic Council, of the progress of the strategic arms limitation talks. In all these negotiations, Europe's vital interests in the matter are constantly stressed by the European governments directly concerned.