

## Draft reply from the British delegation to Assembly Recommendation 121 on defence outside the NATO area (London, 27 September 1965)

**Caption:** On 27 September 1965, the Secretary-General of Western European Union (WEU) circulates a draft reply by the WEU Council to Assembly Recommendation 121 on defence outside the NATO area. The Council emphasises the role it plays through its quarterly meetings, which provide an opportunity to discuss situations in all the areas across the world where WEU Member States have military commitments. The aim is to improve understanding of the respective problems of the Member States and to identify how they can give each other mutual assistance and demonstrate solidarity. The Council reaffirms the need to harmonise policy on financial and economic aid granted outside Europe and welcomes the measures taken in this field in other international groups and through bilateral consultations.

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## SECRETARY-GENERAL'S NOTE

Recommendation 121  
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The Secretary-General circulates herewith a draft reply to Assembly Recommendation 121 on defence outside the NATO area, prepared by the United Kingdom delegation.

This draft will be examined by the working group at its next meeting on 4th October 1965 at 3 p.m.

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1. The Council note with interest the suggestions contained in Recommendation 121.
2. The Council are already to some extent fulfilling paragraphs 1 and 3 of the Recommendation. At their quarterly ministerial meetings, they frequently discuss situations in different parts of the world where member Governments have military commitments, with a view to promoting the fullest possible mutual understanding of their problems. The extent to which member Governments can give each other support and assistance is a matter for separate consideration in each case.
3. The Council will continue to consult on situations involving military commitments by individual member Governments, to countries not parties to the Revised Brussels Treaty, with a view to promoting as much mutual solidarity between member Governments as possible.
4. On paragraph 2 of the Recommendation, the Council recognise the need to harmonise policy on financial and economic aid given outside Europe. On this subject there have also been consultations at the quarterly ministerial meetings. The Council welcome the measure of co-ordination in this field which has been achieved in the Development Assistance Group of O.E.C.D., through the United Nations specialised agencies and by means of bilateral consultations.

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