

Reply by the WEU Council to Assembly Recommendation 260 on the energy crisis and European security (London, 26 November 1975)

Caption: On 26 November 1975, in view of the challenges presented by the global oil crisis, the Secretariat-General of Western European Union (WEU) circulates the reply from the WEU Council to Assembly Recommendation 260 on the energy crisis and European security. The Council shares the Assembly's wish for a Community energy policy and emphasises how important it is for Commission representatives to attend international meetings, particularly those of the International Energy Agency (IEA). The Council also draws attention to the problem of constituting and maintaining strategic reserves of oil products for civilian and military purposes. International agreements within the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), the IEA and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) stipulate that Western states should maintain oil reserves and undertake to submit regular reports on their stocks. The Council is also aware of the related question of energy security in Western countries.

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Assembly Recommendations 260, 264 and 265

The Secretariat-General circulates herewith the text of the Council's replies to Assembly Recommendations 260, 264 and 265.

These replies, which have been approved by all delegations, have been communicated to the Assembly.

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Reply to Assembly Recommendation 260
on the energy crisis and European security

1. The Council share the Assembly's wish for the early definition of a Community energy policy. As the Assembly will be aware, on 17th September, 1974, the Council of the Communities declared their political intention of defining and implementing a Community energy policy involving common objectives; these objectives were enumerated in a Resolution adopted by the same Council on 17th December, 1974. Efforts are being continued in the E.E.C. to implement such a policy and resolve the main problems involved by appropriate harmonisation of the varying interests of the member countries of the Community.
2. With regard to point 2 of the Recommendation, the Council refer to their reply to Recommendation 271, A.2. In this respect, it may however be recalled that:
 - (a) representatives of the Commission attend all important meetings of the I.E.A.;
 - (b) numerous meetings within the Community provide opportunities for member countries to exchange views.
3. The positive outcome to the second preparatory meeting for the Conference on International Economic Co-operation opens the way for constructive discussions on energy questions in that forum.
4. The Council are well aware of the problem of constituting and maintaining strategic reserves of oil products for civilian and military purposes. In this connection, it may be noted that member countries of NATO, the I.E.A. and O.E.C.D. have committed themselves to maintain their reserves at a level agreed within those Organisations, to which they also submit regular reports on the composition of their stocks. The Council are also aware of the associated question of secure supply lines to the West.
5. The Council will keep the Assembly informed of any major developments which may occur in the direction sought by the Assembly's Recommendation.

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