

## Extract from minutes of the 554th meeting of the WEU Council (14 December 1979)

**Caption:** On 14 December 1979, at a meeting of the Council of Western European Union (WEU), the French and British representatives indicate that they would both be prepared to draft a reply to Assembly Recommendation 341 on the impact of the evolving situation in the Near and Middle East on western European security.

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The Secretary-General, M. Longestey, was in the Chair.

III. QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ASSEMBLY

1. Twenty-fifth Ordinary Session (Second Part)  
of the Assembly and recommendations to the Council  
(C (79) 163)

- The Assembly had adopted nine recommendations to the Council, numbered from 336 to 344, the texts of which had been circulated to delegations under reference C (79) 163.

The Chairman noted that a draft reply to Recommendation 342 on the situation in Iran had already been prepared and would be submitted to the Council under the next agenda item.

After a short discussion, the preparation of draft replies to seven of the other Assembly recommendations was allocated as follows:

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| Recommendation 336 | on the balance of force: German delegation;   |
| Recommendation 337 | on political conditions for European armaments co-operation: United Kingdom delegation;   |
| Recommendation 338 | on the definition of armaments requirements and procurement in western Europe: Netherlands delegation;                                      |
| Recommendation 339 | on the industrial bases of European security - guidelines drawn from the symposium on 15th, 16th and 17th October, 1979: French delegation; |
| Recommendation 340 | on improving the status of W.E.U. staff: Secretariat-General;   |
| Recommendation 343 | on Arctic technology: Belgian delegation;   |
| Recommendation 344 | on Brazilian-European collaborative ventures and the consequences for Europe: Italian delegation.   |

M. SAUVAGNARGUES said he would consult his authorities to see whether the French delegation could undertake to draft a reply to Recommendation 341 on the impact of the evolving situation in the Near and Middle East on western European security.

Mr. FERGUSON said the United Kingdom delegation would, if necessary, be prepared to draft a reply.

The CHAIRMAN commented that the working group should start considering draft replies early in February in order to have sufficient time to complete its work satisfactorily before the next Session of the Assembly (2nd to 5th June), particularly since it would also have on its agenda the drafts of the Council's 25th Annual Report to be prepared by the Secretariat. In these circumstances, he suggested that, as last year, the target date for the submission of draft replies to the Assembly's recommendations should be 20th January.

It was so agreed.