

Recommendation 310 of the WEU Assembly on the spread of nuclear energy and defence problems (Paris, 30 November 1977)

Caption: On 30 November 1977, the Assembly of Western European Union (WEU) adopts Recommendation 310 on the spread of nuclear energy and defence problems, particularly encouraging the WEU Council to promote worldwide cooperation in monitoring the various activities in the field of nuclear energy.

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RECOMMENDATION 310***on the spread of nuclear energy and defence problems***

The Assembly,

Considering that nuclear energy is a fact of international life which will provide a high percentage of the world's electricity by the end of the century, that several other energy options might eventually be available and that decisions regarding nuclear energy should take account of the major concern to avoid further proliferation of nuclear weapons capability ;

Aware that at present the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna exercises safeguard and control measures only with regard to certain specific nuclear equipment and material imported under bilateral agreements, and nuclear material in or under the control of non-nuclear weapon parties to the non-proliferation treaty ;

Welcoming the agreement reached by the fifteen nuclear exporting countries in London in September 1977 to prevent further sales of nuclear material, equipment and technology without adequate safeguards and controls ;

Stressing the need to avoid any form of safeguard and control measures which would undermine the existing non-proliferation treaty, which guarantees countries non-discriminatory access to nuclear technology for peaceful purposes,

RECOMMENDS THAT THE COUNCIL

Urge member governments :

1. To promote world-wide co-operation in monitoring all the various activities in the field of nuclear energy ;
2. To make full use of diplomatic channels in order to strengthen world-wide international safeguards and controls, increase the responsibilities of the IAEA and establish multinational nuclear fuel centres ;
3. To concert their policies with other supplying countries to make the supply of civil nuclear assistance of any sort to third countries dependent on the latter's acceptance of full IAEA safeguards on all nuclear installations and materials on their territory or under their control ;
4. To give impetus to the development and international application of procedures and stringent measures to protect nuclear facilities and nuclear materials, in storage or in transit, from terrorist seizure or diversion.