

Recommendation 189 of the WEU Assembly on the treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons (Paris, 9 December 1969)

Caption: On 9 December 1969, the Assembly of Western European (WEU) adopts Recommendation 189 on the treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, in which it asks the WEU Council to adopt a common policy that will particularly encourage all member countries to sign and ratify the nuclear non-proliferation treaty (NPT) at the earliest possible date.

Source: Assembly of Western European Union. 'Recommendation 189 on the treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons (Paris, eight sitting, 9th December 1969)' in Proceedings: Fifteenth ordinary session, Second Part, Vol. IV, Minutes: Official Report of Debates. Paris: Assembly of WEU. December 1969, p. 26.

Copyright: (c) WEU Secretariat General - Secrétariat Général UEO

URL:

http://www.cvce.eu/obj/recommendation_189_of_the_weu_assembly_on_the_treaty_on_the_non_proliferation_of_nuclear_weapons_paris_9_december_1969-en-9b5074e8-d38a-4ebe-b781-d5dad4228obo.html



Last updated: 13/10/2016

RECOMMENDATION 189***on the treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons***

The Assembly,

Having taken note of the two reports* of the Committee on Defence Questions and Armaments analysing the text of the treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and its consequences for European security and the activities of the European Communities now and in the future;

Considering that the United Nations General Assembly commended this treaty by 95 votes to 4 with 21 abstentions;

Believing that this treaty offers definite advantages for world stability and progress towards nuclear disarmament and that it does not prejudice the security of Europe;

Noting that for the Euratom countries the application of safeguards to the civil nuclear industry will be determined only by an agreement to be negotiated between Euratom and the IAEA, and that the Committee on Defence Questions and Armaments will report further to the Assembly on this question;

Believing nevertheless that in order not to impede the action of the European Communities it would be useful for the application of the treaty to be covered by the statements of interpretation set forth in the operative text below;

Believing finally that accession to the non-proliferation treaty in no way condones the intervention of the Soviet Union and some of its allies in Czechoslovakia,

RECOMMENDS THAT THE COUNCIL

Seek to establish a common policy for the member countries regarding the non-proliferation treaty, providing for:

- (i) The signature of the treaty by all the WEU countries at the earliest possible date;
- (ii) Urgent negotiations on the safeguards agreement between Euratom and the IAEA;
- (iii) The ratification of the treaty by all the Euratom countries as soon as the said agreement has been concluded;
- (iv) Identical statements of interpretation by the members of WEU covering:
 - the need to make progress towards nuclear disarmament;
 - the right of a future European federation to possess nuclear weapons;
 - the right of all parties to supplies of nuclear materials of all kinds.

* Documents 454 and 499.