

Recommendation 54 of the WEU Assembly on the association of Great Britain with the energy policy of the Six (Paris, 30 November 1960)

Caption: On 30 November 1960, given the increasing need for energy in Europe and with a view to ensuring the security of European energy supplies, the Assembly of Western European Union (WEU) adopts Recommendation 54 on the association of Great Britain with the energy policy of the Six.

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RECOMMENDATION No. 54
on the association of Great Britain
with the energy policy of the Six

The Assembly,

Considering the increasing need for energy supplies amongst the European countries, which makes them increasingly dependent on imports, and the consequent strains on the security of European energy supplies as well as on the European balance of payments position ;

Considering the immense capital investments involved and the consequent need for co-ordination in this field ;

Considering the responsibility of member States to conserve their indigenous resources and to protect the manpower necessary for their exploitation ;

Considering the great potentialities of nuclear energy which likewise require co-ordinated action ;

Considering the present crisis in the coal industry and the social and economic problems it raises ;

Considering the growing discrepancies of national energy policies and the possible political implications ;

Aware of the fact that these problems can be solved only in the framework of an overall energy policy,

RECOMMENDS THAT THE COUNCIL

1. Invite the institutions of the E.C.S.C. and the Government of the United Kingdom to provide, within the framework of the Council of Association of the United Kingdom and the E.C.S.C., the procedure necessary for the promotion of a co-ordinated policy between the seven member countries for all energy questions in accordance with the convention of association ;
2. With this in view, propose that representatives of the Commission of the European Economic Community and of the Commission of the European Atomic Energy Community as members of the Inter-Executive Energy Committee of the European Communities should be invited to attend those meetings of the Council of Association called for the purpose of discussing the energy policy.