

## Draft letter from the French Government to the other signatories of Protocol No I (Paris, 1954)

**Caption:** In 1954, the London Working Group circulates a draft letter from the French Government to the other governments signatory to Protocol No I. The French Government informs the other governments that it interprets paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article VIII of the modified Brussels Treaty as empowering the Council of Western European Union (WEU) to set up a working group to study any papers relating to armaments production and standardisation. France also asks for confirmation that the other member governments agree with this interpretation and for this exchange of letters to be considered as an Annex to Protocol No I modifying and completing the Brussels Treaty (Article I, paragraph 2 and Article IV, paragraph 1).

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DRAFT LETTER FROM THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT  
TO THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS SIGNATORY TO PROTOCOL NO. I

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the French Government interprets paragraphs 1. and 2. of the new Article VIII of the Brussels Treaty as empowering the Council of Western European Union to establish a Working Group for the study of the draft directive presented by the French Government and any other papers which may be submitted on the subject of armaments production and standardisation and to consider what effect should be given to the results of this study.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency would confirm the agreement of your Government with this interpretation and would inform me whether they also agree to consider this exchange of letters as an Annex to the Protocol modifying and completing the Brussels Treaty within the meaning of Article I, second paragraph and of Article IV, paragraph 1. of the said Protocol.

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DRAFT REPLY TO THE LETTER FROM THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT  
TO THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS SIGNATORY TO PROTOCOL NO. I.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's communication dated... as follows:

"I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the French Government interprets paragraphs 1. and 2. of the new Article VIII of the Brussels Treaty as empowering the Council of Western European Union to establish a Working Group for the study of the draft directive presented by the French Government and any other papers which may be submitted on the subject of armaments production and standardisation and to consider what effect should be given to the results of this study.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency would confirm the agreement of your Government with this interpretation and would inform me whether they also agree to consider this exchange of letters as an Annex to the Protocol modifying and completing the Brussels Treaty within the meaning of Article I, second paragraph and of Article IV, paragraph 1. of the said Protocol".

I confirm that [The Government concerned] agree with the interpretation given to the paragraphs in question by the French Government and that this exchange of letters shall be considered as an Annex to the Protocol modifying and completing the Brussels Treaty within the meaning of Article I, second paragraph and Article IV, paragraph 1. of the said Protocol.