

## Reply by the WEU Council to Assembly Recommendation 164 on the political responsibilities of WEU countries outside Europe (2 May 1968)

**Caption:** On 2 May 1968, the Secretary-General of Western European Union (WEU) circulates the Council's reply to WEU Assembly Recommendation 164 on the political responsibilities of WEU countries outside Europe. The Council outlines the various activities and consultations, particularly concerning the Middle East, Africa, East–West relations and the action of non-aligned countries. These consultations and exchanges of information on the international situation reveal a common approach on several aspects of the questions discussed. Although the progress in European integration may lead governments to work towards closer political collaboration, the Council emphasises the importance of pursuing consultations on such issues.

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## SECRETARY-GENERAL'S NOTE

Recommendation 164 on the political  
responsibilities of W.E.U. countries outside Europe  
(C (67) 180)

The Secretary-General circulates herewith the Council's reply to Assembly Recommendation 164.

The reply, adopted by the Council, has now been forwarded to the Assembly (CR (68) 9, IV, 2).



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Reply to Assembly Recommendation 164  
on the political responsibilities of W.E.U. countries  
outside Europe  
(C (68) 51)

1. The Council intend, as recommended by the Assembly, to continue their consultations on various aspects of the international situation. As the Assembly will see in the Council's Annual Report, these consultations covered a wide range of important political and economic subjects during 1967. At their meeting at Brussels on 29th and 30th January, the Council discussed East-West relations, the situation in the Middle East and in Africa, and proceeded to an exchange of views on the European economic situation. At their subsequent meeting in Paris on 25th and 26th April, the Council continued their exchange of views on East-West relations, the situation in the Middle East and the European economic situation. The Council also considered relations between Cuba and the Soviet Union, the recent proposal for a conference of non-aligned countries and the Rotterdam conference on aid for Indonesia. As indicated in the Annual Report, these meetings, in addition to providing a useful opportunity for exchanges of information, revealed a common approach on a number of aspects of the questions discussed.

2. As the Council stated in their reply to Recommendation 155, W.E.U. member countries are aware that the progress of building Europe will, sooner or later, lead governments to work towards closer political collaboration. The Council have noted the various suggestions put forward on this subject by certain member countries, but deem it advisable to await any action which the member States concerned may take on these proposals.

3. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Recommendation, the Council would point out that there are regular meetings of experts from member countries before meetings of the United Nations General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the General Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organisation. The Council intend to continue their activities which help to increase the effectiveness of member countries in the work of these Organisations.

4. The Council have endeavoured to provide, in their 1967 Annual Report to the Assembly, as much information as possible on their activities.