

Recommendation 157 of the WEU Assembly on the situation in the Middle East (Paris, 15 June 1967)

Caption: On 15 June 1967, the Assembly of Western European Union (WEU) adopts Recommendation 157 on the situation in the Middle East, requesting that the WEU Council meet immediately as a matter of urgency in order to consider the humanitarian measures which should be taken and seek a political and economic solution to the deadly conflict in the Middle East. From 5 to 10 June 1967, Israel launched a pre-emptive attack on Egypt, Jordan and Syria. This brief conflict, known as the Six-Day War, resulted in a decisive victory for the Israeli army over its Arab neighbours.

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RECOMMENDATION 157
on the situation in the Middle East

The Assembly,

Considering that a dangerous situation, involving a potential threat to world peace and indeed to peace in Europe, has arisen out of the recent hostilities in the Middle East and the apparent absence of any prospect of a peaceful settlement between the contestants;

Convinced that the States of Western Europe can have no real influence on the course of events unless they combine their strength and speak with one voice on such great issues;

Recalling that Article VIII, paragraph 3, of the modified Brussels Treaty lays down that: "at the request of any of the high contracting parties the Council shall be immediately convened in order to permit them to consult with regard to any situation which may constitute a threat to peace in whatever area this threat should arise, or a danger to economic stability";

Believing that Europe by reason of its past has particular responsibilities as regards Israel and the Arab countries,

EXPRESSES ITS CONCERN

That the Council did not meet immediately to examine all the implications of the Middle Eastern crisis and,

REQUESTS THE COUNCIL

To meet now as a matter of urgency in order to consider the humanitarian measures which should be taken forthwith and seek a solution to the political and economic difficulties which stand in the way of a lasting peace.