

Recommendation 164 of the WEU Assembly on political responsibilities of WEU countries outside Europe (6 December 1967)

Caption: On 6 December 1967, the Assembly of Western European Union (WEU) adopts Recommendation 164 on political responsibilities of WEU countries outside Europe. The Assembly believes that WEU constitutes one of the most appropriate institutional frameworks for comparing the views of European countries on their foreign policy and for cooperation in this field. The Assembly is of the view that there is a de facto community of European responsibilities and interests outside Europe and it provides the Council with a series of recommendations so that it can continue consultations between Member States on international questions and work towards closer European cooperation, including in other international organisations.

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RECOMMENDATION 164***on political responsibilities of WEU countries
outside Europe***

The Assembly,

Considering there is a *de facto* community of European responsibilities and interests outside Europe ;

Regretting that divergent concepts of their responsibilities in the world prevent true political co-operation between the European countries ;

Noting the insufficient elaboration of a concerted European point of view at the United Nations, as well as in other international organisations and agencies ;

Noting further the need for European countries to play an active part in the settlement of problems outside Europe with a view to promoting peace in the world, improving the economic and social situation in developing countries, and avoiding, as much as possible, a direct confrontation between the United States and the communist powers ;

Considering that WEU constitutes one of the most appropriate institutional frameworks for comparing the views of European countries on their foreign policy and for co-operation in this field,

RECOMMENDS THAT THE COUNCIL

1. Continue its consultations on the various aspects of the international situation ;
2. Do everything possible to find areas of agreement on which co-operation might be based, in spite of the difficulties which may be encountered temporarily in European co-operation ;
3. Revive the idea of the political union of Europe with a view to a new plan being tabled whereby this aim can be achieved ;
4. Concert, by appropriate means, the policies of the member States in international organisations, especially at the United Nations ;
5. Provide the Assembly with as many details as possible regarding its discussions and the conclusions reached.