

MINISTERIAL DECISION CONCERNING THE
SETTING-UP OF A "WEU INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY STUDIES"

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THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL:

- convinced that, as stated in the Platform on European Security Interests adopted in The Hague on 27 October 1987, the construction of an integrated Europe will remain incomplete as long as it does not include security and defence and that WEU makes an important contribution to the broader process of European unification;
- determined to increase the effectiveness of the Organization and to contribute to an overall solution to its institutional problems;
- stressing the importance of having within WEU a capacity to study, and provide documentation on, questions concerning European security;
- recalling that the Assembly, in Recommendation 467, has expressed interest in the establishment of such a capacity;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. A 'WEU Institute for Security Studies' shall be set up. Essentially, the role of this Institute shall be to promote a European security identity and to assist the Organization in pursuing the objectives laid down in the Platform. Accordingly, its main tasks shall be:

- a. to carry out research, principally for the Council, calling on national experts if necessary and in consultation with the Secretariat-General; this research will be carried out independently and objectively;
- b. to encourage and help the existing institutes in the member States to promote a greater awareness of European security issues and, specifically, to organize courses and seminars to that end;
- c. in collaboration with existing institutes, to organize meetings with institutes in countries not belonging to Western Europe, particularly those in the Warsaw Pact countries;
- d. establish and keep up-to-date a data bank for the purposes of research into the defence efforts of the WEU member countries and for studies relating to European security - the relevant practical arrangements will be the subject of an Institute proposal to the Council;
- e. contribute to academic work on the same topics.

2. It is decided that the Agencies for Security Questions(*) and the Standing Armaments Committee shall be abolished.

3. The Institute shall be placed under the authority of the Council which shall appoint the Director for a period of three years. The Director shall be responsible to the Council for the management of the Institute.

(*) This does not apply to the Agency for the Control of Armaments.

4. The Institute shall be located in Paris in the premises of WEU. The question of its location shall be reviewed in the light of the conclusions of the Ministerial Councils of 27 October 1987 and 19 April 1988 regarding the collocation of WEU institutions, necessary in the context of the European construction process.

5. The Assembly may, with the Council's approval, assign to the Institute studies relating to the Assembly's own activities. The Assembly shall have access to the results of the Institute's unclassified work.

6. The Director of the Institute shall be appointed by 1 February 1990 at the latest. He shall take up his duties as soon as possible, at the latest by 1 June 1990.