



Resolution 21 (1952)¹

European defence

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

A. Taking note of the First Annual Report of the Supreme Commander, Allied Powers in Europe (April, 1952) and of the Communiqué of the Ninth Session of the North Atlantic Council (Lisbon Conference) ;

Noting with satisfaction that the Report of the Supreme Commander, Allied Powers in Europe, discloses that considerable progress has been achieved in European defence ;

1. Stresses the need to ensure the collective defence of Europe, while maintaining European economic stability, and fair distribution of the burden of rearmament among the countries and social classes concerned ;
2. Reaffirms the defensive nature of this policy and the peaceful intentions of the free peoples of Europe ;

B. Believing that the object of strengthening the military power of Europe is to provide a joint guarantee of the security of all the participating nations, which, in accepting the necessary sacrifices, have an equal right to the defence of their territory ;

3. Requests that this principle be reflected in the decisions taken by N. A. T. O. both in the political and military fields ;

C. Believing that the improvement of the social and economic position of Europe is a pre-requisite for strengthening its military power ;

Being of the opinion that this improvement would be greatly facilitated by a policy of genuine integration of European armament industries, as fostered by the system of "off-shore" orders ;

4. Stresses the advantage of establishing long-term plans, under the system of "off-shore" orders, with a view to ensuring such integration.

1. This Resolution was adopted by the Assembly at its Twenty-fourth Sitting, 27th September, 1952 (see [Doc. 63](#), Report of the Committee on General Affairs).

