



Resolution 497 (1971)¹

Reply to the report by the Secretary General of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECE) on the activities of the Organisation in 1970

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Having taken note of the report on the activities of OECD in 1970 by the Secretary General ([Doc. 2977](#)) and of the report of the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development in reply ([Doc. 3001](#)) ;
2. Considering that the role of OECD is to provide a forum for the confrontation and co-ordination of economic policies among the industrialised nations, particularly as between the United States, an enlarged European Community and Japan ;
3. Convinced that the economic and monetary instability of the last two years have demonstrated that the scope for independent national policies is becoming increasingly limited,
4. Congratulates OECD :
 - a. on the decision to set up a small high-level group to "analyse the trade and related problems which arise in the longer-term perspective" ;
 - b. on the decision to undertake a comprehensive study of the implications of the multinational company in the Industry Committee ;
 - c. on the decision to put greater emphasis on reconciling member States' medium and long-term objectives ;
5. Approves the multi-policy approach to the problem of inflation advocated by OECD, but considers that success in reducing the present rate of increase in nominal incomes will depend on a redefinition of the prevalent philosophy of economic growth ;
6. Anticipates with interest the studies by OECD of the nature of the US payments imbalance as a factual contribution to the working out of rational policies for the correction of the problems affecting the US dollar ;
7. Emphasises that the work of OECD in analysing problems and establishing policy guidelines will only produce results if governments are prepared to play their part.

1. Assembly debate on 5 October 1971 (10th Sitting) (see [Doc. 3001](#), report of the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development). Text adopted by the Assembly on 5 October 1971 (10th Sitting).

