

THE COUNCIL

Having regard to Article 5(b) of the Convention on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development of 14th December 1960 ;

Having regard to the Recommendation of the Council of 27th July 1965 on the Liberalisation of Long-Term Power Exchange between O.E.C.D. European Member Countries [Doc. No. C(65)88] ;

Having regard to the Report by the Energy Committee of 4th September 1967 on Mutual Assistance Contracts concerning Large Thermal Generating Units in O.E.C.D. European Member Countries [Doc. No. EN(67)6] ;

Considering that mutual assistance contracts are likely to encourage the construction of large thermal units which permit lower electricity production costs ;

On the proposal of the Energy Committee ;

RECOMMENDS the Governments of European Member countries :

(a) to encourage the conclusion of mutual assistance contracts for large thermal generating units in different countries ;

(b) to undertake not to make any restrictions, except in case of an exceptional emergency, on the provision of supply under such contracts ;

(c) to undertake not to levy any tax on imports or exports that might be prejudicial to the exchange of electricity under these contracts.

In adopting this Recommendation, the Council :

1. AGREED to the derestriction of the Report by the Energy Committee of 4th September 1967, referred to above ;
2. AGREED that sub-paragraph (c) of the Recommendation would not preclude countries from making adjustments in connection with Added Value Taxes ;
3. NOTED the statement by the Delegate for Denmark.