

AMENDMENT FORM

Title V

Suggestion for amendment of Article 30

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In the third indent of the paragraph 3 the word “*may*” should be replaced by “*shall*”

3. Member States shall make military and civilian capabilities available to the common security and defence policy, to contribute to the objectives defined by the Council.

Member States shall undertake progressively to improve their military capabilities. A European Armaments and Strategic Research Agency shall be established to identify operational requirements, to put forward measures to satisfy those requirements, to contribute to identifying and, where appropriate, implementing any measure needed to strengthen the industrial and technological base of the defence sector, and to assist the Council in evaluating the improvement of its military capabilities.

Those Member States which establish multinational forces together **shall** also make those forces available to the common security and defence policy.

The paragraph 4 should be modified as follows:

4. Decisions on the implementation of the common security and defence policy, including those initiating a task as referred to in this Article, shall be adopted by the Council acting **by enhanced qualified majority, except those implying a military action, on a proposal from a Member State or from the Union's Minister for Foreign Affairs, alone or together with the Commission.**

Explanation:

1. *These multinational forces have already been created by Member States and as a proof of solidarity they must (and not only as a option) be available to the common security and defence policy*
2. *As an integral part of the common foreign and security policy, as stated in the first paragraph of the Article 30, the common security and defence policy should*

be decided by the same procedure, implying the enhanced qualified majority vote and the right of initiative for the Commission as in the Article 29