

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article III-207

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<i>Text of the Praesidium</i>	<i>Proposed Amendments</i>
<p>1. The European Armaments, Research and Military Capabilities Agency, subject to the Council's authority, shall have as its task to:</p> <p>(a) contribute to identifying the Member States' military capability objectives and evaluating observance of the capability commitments given by the Member States;</p> <p>(b) promote harmonisation of operational needs and adoption of effective, compatible procurement methods;</p> <p>(c) propose multilateral projects to fulfil the objectives in terms of military capabilities, ensure coordination of the programmes implemented by the Member States and management of specific cooperation programmes;</p> <p>(d) support defence technology research, and coordinate and plan joint research activities and the study of technical solutions meeting future operational needs;</p> <p>(e) contribute to identifying and, if necessary, implementing any useful measure for strengthening the industrial and technological base of the defence sector and for improving the effectiveness of military expenditure.</p> <p>2. The Agency shall be open to all Member States wishing to be part of it. The Council, acting by qualified majority, shall adopt a European decision defining the Agency's statute, seat and operational rules. Such rules should take account of the level of effective participation in the Agency's activities. Specific groups shall be set up within the Agency bringing together Member States engaged in joint projects. The Agency shall carry out its tasks in liaison with the Commission where necessary.</p>	<p>1. The European Armaments, Research and Military Capabilities Agency, subject to the Council's authority, shall have as its task to:</p> <p>(a) contribute to identifying the Member States' military capability objectives and evaluating observance of the capability commitments given by the Member States;</p> <p>(b) promote harmonisation of operational needs and adoption of effective, compatible procurement methods;</p> <p>(c) propose multilateral projects to fulfil the objectives in terms of military capabilities, ensure coordination of the programmes implemented by the Member States and management of specific cooperation programmes;</p> <p>(d) support defence technology research, and coordinate and plan joint research activities and the study of technical solutions meeting future operational needs;</p> <p>(e) contribute to identifying and, if necessary, implementing any useful measure for strengthening the industrial and technological base of the defence sector and for improving the effectiveness of military expenditure.</p> <p>2. The Agency shall be open to all Member States wishing to be part of it. The Council, acting by qualified majority, shall adopt a European decision defining the Agency's statute, seat and operational rules. Such rules should take account of the level of effective participation in the Agency's activities. Specific groups shall <u>may</u> be set up within the Agency bringing together Member States engaged in joint projects. The Agency shall carry out its tasks in liaison with the Commission where necessary.</p>

Explanation (if any) : This article shall offer the possibility of participation in the activities of the Agency for all the Member States. It is up to the Council to decide upon the terms of this participation. Any limitations enshrined in the text of the Constitution would not serve well the principle of equality of the Member States.