

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : Part III, Title V, Article 207 (ex Art. 19)**

**Suggestion for protocol :**

**By Ms / Mr : Hain**

**Status :            - Member                            - Alternate**

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1. ~~The~~ Under the authority of the Council, the European Armaments, Capabilities Development, Research and Military Capabilities Armaments Agency, subject to the Council's authority, shall have as its task to: shall contribute to co-ordination of efforts undertaken by Member States, as well as within the framework of the Union. Its tasks shall include the following:

- (a) ~~contribute~~ing to identifying the Member States' military capability objectives quantitative and qualitative capability objectives -and evaluating observance of the capability commitments given by the Member States progress against them;
- (b) ~~promote~~ing harmonisation of operational needs and adoption of cost-effective, compatible procurement methods;
- (c) ~~propose~~ promoting multilateral ~~projects~~ solutions to fulfil the objectives in terms of military capabilities, ~~ensure~~ing coordination of the programmes implemented by the Member States and management of ~~specific~~ certain cooperation programmes;
- (d) ~~support~~ facilitating the co-ordination of defence technology research, and ~~coordinate and plan joint research activities and the study of technical solutions meeting future operational needs~~ capability requirements;
- (e) ~~contribute~~ing to identifying and, if necessary, implementing ~~any useful policies and measures for strengthening~~ aimed at strengthening the an internationally competitive defence industrial and technological base ~~of the defence sector and for improving the effectiveness of military expenditure.~~

2. The Agency shall be open to all Member States wishing to be part of it. The Council, acting by ~~qualified majority~~ unanimity, shall adopt a **European CFSP Decision** defining the Agency's statute, seat and ~~operational~~-operating rules and procedures. ~~Such rules~~ These shall ~~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.~~

2bis The Agency shall carry out its tasks in liaison with the Commission as appropriate. The Council shall ensure consistency between the activities of the Agency and other relevant EU bodies.

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### **Explanation (if any) :**

1. *The UK believes the proposed amendments will both stream-line the text, and clarify the activities of the Agency.*

2 bis: *In addition we consider it important that the text reflects:*

- *The importance of the Agency supporting the ESDP capability drive by promoting cost-effective solutions and a competitive, and innovative, European defence market;*

- *Military capability gaps are filled not solely by projects or procurement, so the stress should be on finding “solutions”;*
- *The Agency will be supporting the co-ordination of governmental and inter-governmental research programmes;*
- *The need for appropriate co-ordination and co-operation between the Agency and other EU bodies, notably the Commission, under the authority of the Council.*

*The UK comments reflect extensive discussions on the Agency concept with France and Germany.*