

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Title B - Part II

#### Suggestion for amendment of Article : 19

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**Status :        Members and alternate members.**

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#### *Article 19*

1. The European Armaments and Strategic Research Agency shall have as its task to:
  - contribute to identifying the Member States' military capability objectives and evaluating observance of the capability commitments given by the Member States;
  - promote harmonisation of operational needs and adoption of effective, compatible procurement methods;
  - 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;
  - support defence technology research, and coordinate and plan joint research activities and the study of technical solutions meeting future operational needs;
  - 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;

2. The Agency shall be open to all Member States wishing to be part of it. ***The European Parliament and the Council, according to the legislative procedure, shall determine*** the Agency's statute 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 statute shall also lay down the procedures for scrutiny of its activities by the European Parliament, together with the national parliaments.***

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**Explanation:**

*The European Armaments and Strategic Research Agency is an agency of the Union and therefore no reason why it should not be established according to the normal constitutional procedure established for all other agencies (ie Europol, Eurojust).*

*We have removed the decision on the seat of the agency as we have set up an autonomous decision- making procedure for seats of institutions and agencies in our amendment to article 14 Part I.*

*Furthermore, as it is a Union agency, the European Parliament must be able to exercise its oversight and as it deals with an area of legitimate interest for national parliaments, they should also be included.*