

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : **Part II, Title B, Article 19**

Suggestion for protocol :

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Status : - Member - ~~Alternate~~

19.1 ~~The European Armaments and Strategic Research Agency shall have as its task to:~~

The goal of the European Capabilities Development and Acquisition Agency will be to ensure that the capabilities required for current and future ESDP missions are defined accurately, including through the Capability Development Mechanism and developed, acquired, deployed and maintained as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible. Its activities will include:

- ~~contributing to the identifying~~ ing to the identifying ~~of quantitative and qualitative the Member States' military capability objectives and evaluating observance of the capability commitments given by the Member States progress against them;~~
- ~~promoting~~ ing harmonisation of operational needs and adoption of cost-effective, compatible procurement methods based on best practice;
- ~~proposing~~ ing multilateral projects to fulfil the objectives in terms of military capabilities, ensure the effective coordination of the programmes implemented by the Member States and management of specific cooperation programmes;
- ~~supporting~~ ing defence technology research, and co-ordinate, ~~and~~ plan and provide contracting support services for joint research activities and the study of technical solutions meeting future operational needs;
- ~~contributing 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;~~

19.2 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 decision defining the Agency's statute, seat and operational rules. Such rules should which shall take account of the level of effective participation in the Agency's activities, and arrangements to incorporate within the framework of the Agency the OCCAR and Lol. Cooperation in OCCAR and Lol under the Agency framework will, exceptionally, only involve existing members at the

outset, but will be open to all Member States subject to rules governing accession as agreed by the Member States of OCCAR and the Lol Framework Agreement. Specific groups shall be set up within the Agency bringing together Member States engaged in joint projects

Explanation (if any) :

The proposed amendments reflect a desire to give further precision to the Agency concept. They also reflect UK-French at Le Touquet and in a subsequent more detailed non-paper.