

AMENDMENT FORM

Title B - Part II

Suggestion for amendment of Article 19

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The paragraph 2 should be modified as follows:

2. The Agency shall be open to all Member States wishing to be part of it. **When the Union adopts a decision defining the Agency's statute, seat and operational rules the legislative procedure shall be used.** 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 paragraph 3 should be added as follows:

3. **The European Parliament shall scrutinize the activities of the Agency according to a procedure described by the Agency's statute.**

Explanation:

1. The European Armaments and Strategic Research Agency is an agency of the Union and the normal constitutional procedure should be used for setting it up.

2. Since it is about a Union agency, the European Parliament must be able to exercise its oversight.