

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article 19**

**Suggestion for protocol :**

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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 Council, acting by qualified majority, shall adopt a 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 fulfil its tasks, as appropriate, in consultation with the Commission.

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**Explanation (if any) :**

Explanation 19(1): It is not necessary to entrust the Agency with the tasks relating to the identification and evaluation of the Member States' military capability objectives.

Explanation 19(2): The Agency should be open to all Member States. The statutes and rules - to be adopted by qualified majority - should not lead to inequality of the Member States on the basis of their participation in the Agency's operations. The level of effective participation should be taken into account when setting up any specific groups.

It is important to ensure coherence with the Community activities relevant to the development of armament policy, i.a. research, internal market. A specific reference to this end should be included in the Article 19.