

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article : 19, Part II

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Status : **Members**

1. The European ~~Armaments and Strategic Research~~ Defence Capabilities 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~~ measures for strengthening the industrial and technological base of the defence sector and for improving the effectiveness of military expenditure;
 - to promote the implementation of a system for assessing, evaluating and auditing capability commitments on the basis of qualitative and quantitative reference criteria.
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.~~

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Explanation (if any) : Detailed arrangements concerning EU agencies should not be laid down in the Constitution.