

## AMENDMENT FORM

**Suggestion for amendment of Article :30 Common security and defence policy**

**Suggestion for protocol :**

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**Status : - Alternate**

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### *Article 30*

#### *Common security and defence policy*

1. The common security and defence policy, which is an integral part of the common foreign and security policy, shall provide the Union with an operational capability which makes use of military and civilian means. The Union may deploy them on tasks outside the Union to preserve peace and strengthen international security in accordance with the principles of the United Nations Charter.
2. The common security and defence policy shall include the progressive framing of a common defence policy for the Union. This will lead to a common defence, when the European Council, acting unanimously, so decides. It shall in that case recommend to the Member States the adoption of such a decision in accordance with their respective constitutional requirements.

**Option a) for the second chapter: deleted**

**Option b) for the second chapter:**

The policy of the Union in accordance with this Article shall not prejudice the specific character of the security and defence policy of certain Member States and shall respect the obligations of certain Member States, which see their common defence realised in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) under the North Atlantic Treaty, **if the commitments in question are compatible with the common security and defence policy of the Union (deleted).**

3. Member States shall make military and civilian capabilities available to the common security and defence policy, to contribute to the objectives defined by the Council.

**(deleted)** A European Armaments and Strategic Research Agency shall be established **(deleted)** to contribute to identifying and, where appropriate, implementing any measure needed to strengthen the industrial and technological base of the defence sector, and to assist the Council in evaluating the improvement of its military capabilities.

Those Member States which establish multinational forces together may also make those forces available to the common security and defence policy.

4. Decisions on the implementation of the common security and defence policy, including those initiating a task as referred to in this Article, shall be adopted by the Council acting unanimously on a proposal from the **(deleted)** **Member of the Commission to whose sphere of competence the Union's Common security and defence policy belongs** or from a Member State. The **(deleted)** **Member of the Commission to whose sphere of competence the Union's Common security and defence policy belongs** may propose the use of both national resources and Union instruments, together with the Commission where appropriate.
5. The Council may entrust the execution of a task, within the Union framework, to a group of Member States. The execution of such a task shall be governed by Article 18 in Part Two, Title B, of the Constitution.
6. **(deleted)**
7. **(deleted)**
8. The European Parliament shall be consulted on the main aspects and basic choices of the common security and defence policy, and shall be kept informed of how it develops.

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**Explanation (if any) :**

2. The common security and defence policy of the Union must not be dominated by the NATO. Therefore, the second chapter must be either deleted (option a) or modified (option b).

3. The European Armaments and Strategic Research Agency must not identify operational requirements or put forward measures to satisfy those requirements. The decision-making power in these questions belongs to the Council.
4. The Union should not have its own Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Member of the Commission to whose sphere of competence the Union's Common security and defence policy belongs must not be called one.