Decision


Rome, 10 June 2014

[The Decision is not in force]

Presented to Parliament
by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
by Command of Her Majesty
October 2015

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The Board of Supervisors,

In compliance with paragraph 6 of Annex IV to the Convention on the Establishment of the Organisation for Joint Armament Cooperation signed at Farnborough on 9 September 1998, hereinafter defined as ‘the Convention’;

Decides as follows:

The Annex IV to the Convention in hereby modified and shall read as follows:

“ANNEX IV
DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

1. The following decisions taken by all the Member States will be adopted:

   (a) by a reinforced qualified majority:

      (i) admission of new Member States

      (ii) assignment of a programme to OCCAR and incorporation of existing collaborative programmes between Member States

      (iii) conclusion of an agreement/arrangement, in accordance with Articles 37 and 38 of the Convention

      (iv) rules and regulations of OCCAR

      (v) organisation of OCCAR-EA

      (vi) appointment of the director of EA and his/her deputy

   A reinforced qualified majority means that an decision cannot be taken if there are ten voting rights of opposition.

   (b) by a majority of the voting rights:

      (i) establishing or dissolving of committees
2. The decision-making process within a programme shall be set out in a specific programme agreement, with due reference to the guidelines established by the BoS.

3. Weighting for the decisions listed in paragraph 1:

   (a) The initial number of voting rights of each founding Member State is equal to 10.

   (b) Any new Member State in OCCAR will have an appropriate number of voting rights as decided by the existing Member States.

4. When this Convention makes no provision for how a decision shall be taken, or there is a dispute whether there is a provision or as to which provision applies, the decision shall be taken by unanimity.

5. This Annex may be revised by unanimous decision of the BoS made at ministerial level.”

And decides also as follows:

This amendment enters into force thirty days after the depositary has received notification of acceptance from all the Member States.

Done in a single original document, in the English, French, German and Italian languages, each text being equally authentic.