

Decision of the Board of Supervisors modifying Annex IV to the Convention between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Government of the French Republic, the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of the Italian Republic on the Establishment of the Organisation for Joint Armament Cooperation (Organisation Conjointe de Coopération en matière d'ARmement, OCCAR) (with four annexes) signed at Farnborough on 9 September 1998

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 is 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 any 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 the EA and his/her deputy

A reinforced qualified majority means that a decision cannot be taken if there are ten voting rights in 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.