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CONTRIBUTION

From:	Presidency
To:	Ad hoc working party on defence industry
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Delegations will find attached a Presidency input paper on governance under the draft EDIP Regulation, with a particular focus on the proposed Defence Industrial Readiness Board.

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PRESIDENCY INPUT PAPER

Options for the Defence Industrial Readiness Board

1 OBJECTIVES

Based on its discussions with delegates to the Ad Hoc Working Party on Defence Industry (**AHWPI**), the Belgian Presidency proposes the options detailed in Section 2 to Member States for negotiations on the Defence Industrial Readiness Board (**DIRB**), which reflect the following aims:

- providing a structure that connects the capability priorities set at the intergovernmental level and the instruments managed by the Commission, as well as the EDA and within PESCO;
- ensuring that participants are able to make decisions without undue formalism and benefiting from the expertise of military planning community and Commission, EDA and EEAS; and
- making use of existing administrative structures and ensure a solid legal basis.

2 OPTIONS

The Belgian Presidency proposes the following three options to EU Member States in respect of the role of the DIRB within the EDIP Proposal. The role of the programme committee referred to in Article 58(1) of the EDIP proposal would be unchanged in each scenario.

	EDIP Proposal (Board)	Option 1 (EDA + Board)	Option 2 (EDA + Council)
Programming and procurement function <i>Referred to in pp. 8-9 of the EDIS Joint Communication.</i>	Informal DIRB established by EDIS JC Co-chaired by COM and HR/EDA HoA	EDA Steering Board (NAD+ or DIRB format) established under Art. 8(5) of Council Decision 2015/1835. Chaired by EDA HoA, with participation of EEAS. COM participation to be formalized in EDA-COM agreement* Takes up DIRB responsibilities under Art. 57(3) of the EDIP proposal and makes recommendations based on Art. 4(4) of Council Decision 2015/1835.	EDA Steering Board (NAD+ or DIRB format) established under Article 8(5) of Council Decision 2015/1835. Chaired by EDA HoA, with participation of EEAS. COM participation to be formalized in EDA-COM agreement* Takes up DIRB responsibilities under Art. 57(3) of the EDIP proposal and makes recommendations based on Art. 4(4) of Council Decision 2015/1835.
Security of Supply advisory function <i>Referred to in Art. 57, and Chapters II and IV of the EDIP proposal.</i>	Formal DIRB established under Art. 57 of the EDIP proposal Chaired by COM with HR/EDA HoA participating	Formal DIRB established under Article 57 of the EDIP proposal, limited to tasks specified under Article 57(2) of the EDIP proposal. Chaired by COM with HR/EDA HoA participating	Council DIRB responsibilities under Article 57(2) of the EDIP proposal carried out by the Council, at level to be established by the Coreper/Council (e.g., permanent AHWPDI, reporting to FAC). Chaired by Presidency, with standing invitation to COM, EEAS and EDA .

* The participation of the European Commission in EDA Steering Board meetings in NAD+ or DIRB format and modalities related to information exchanges could be fixed in some form of administrative arrangement between the Commission and the European Defence Agency.

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