

**ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL**  
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**HAVING REGARD** to the Decision of the representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the privileges and immunities granted to the European Defence Agency and to its staff members, signed in Brussels on 10 November 2004, hereinafter referred to as "the Decision";

**DESIROUS** to specify the arrangements concerning privileges and immunities necessary for the performance of the Agency's functions in Brussels,

**HAVE AGREED** as follows :

#### **Article 1**

1. In Belgium the Agency and its staff shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided for in the Decision (a copy of which is annexed hereto).
2. The tax exemptions referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be granted in accordance with the modalities laid down by the Ministry of Finance of the Belgian Government.

#### **Article 2**

1. Without prejudice to Belgium's obligations following from the treaties concerning the European Union and the application of laws and regulations, Agency staff shall, for twelve months after taking up employment in Belgium for the first time, be entitled to import or purchase, in exemption of import duties and value added tax (VAT), furniture and a motor car intended for personal use.
2. The Ministry of Finance of the Belgian Government shall fix the scope of this Article and the conditions for its implementation.
3. Belgium shall not be bound to grant the benefits referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article to its own nationals or permanent residents.

#### **Article 3**

This Protocol may be reviewed at the request of either Party. It shall remain in force either throughout the Agency's existence or until one year after the date on which either Party notifies the other of its intention to terminate it.

#### **Article 4**

Each Party shall notify the other of the completion of the procedures necessary for the implementation of this Protocol.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective Plenipotentiaries have set their hands unto this Protocol.

DONE at Brussels, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2005, in French, Dutch and English, the three texts being equally authentic.

FOR THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM :

FOR THE EUROPEAN  
DEFENCE AGENCY :



Baudouin de la KETHULLE de RYHOVE,  
Ambassador,  
President of the CIAOI/COIO



Nick WITNEY,  
Chief Executive

"This signature engages also the French Community, the Flemish Community, the German-speaking Community, the Walloon Region, the Flemish Region and the Brussels-Capital Region"