

and joint teams within five years of Treaty ratification;

- New cooperation mechanism for law enforcement.

5. New Instruments:

- Abolition of joint actions
- Conventions (Article K.6.2(d)) as before but the ratification procedures shall be fixed within specified time limits (to be decided by unanimity)

- Framework Decisions (Article K.6.2(b)) for the purpose of the approximation of the laws and regulations of Member States

- Decisions (Article K.6.2 (c)) for any other purpose consistent with the objectives of JHA (same characteristics as framework decisions)

- Common Positions (Article K.6.2(a)) define the approach of the EU to a particular matter. (An effort has been made to define the instrument even though it is written in vague terms and its legal status is not clear)

6. Simplification of Decision-Making:

No more steering groups; K4 Committee overlapping with Coreper is limited. As far as voting is concerned unanimity is still the rule.

7. Extension of the Commission and EP Intervention:

The Commission has a complete right of initiative in all JHA areas, even though it is shared.

EP has to be consulted on all measures taken in the new third pillar, except common positions. The Council may, however, lay down time limit not inferior than three months for EP to deliver opinion.

APPENDIX VIII:

European Parliament Committees

- Institutional Affairs Committee
- Committee on Foreign Affairs, Security and Defence Policy
- Committee on External Relations
- Committee on Development and Cooperation
- Sub-Committee on Human Rights
- Sub-Committee on Security and Disarmament
- Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
- Committee on Social Affairs and Employment
- Committee on Regional Policy
- Committee on Transport and Tourism

- Committee on Fisheries
- Committee on Women's Right
- Temporary Committee on Employment
- Committee on Budgets
- Committee on Budgetary Control
- Committee on Research, Technological Development and Energy
- Committee on the Rules of Procedure, the Verifications of Credentials and Immunities
- Committee on Petitions
- Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy
- Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights
- Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection
- Committee on Culture, Youth, Education and the Media
- Committee on Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs
- Sub-Committee on Monetary Affairs