



THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE,

Having regard to the Treaty on the European Union, and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Having regard to the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, and in particular Article 41 thereof,

Having regard to Council Joint Action 2004/551/CFSP of 12 July 2004 on the establishment of the European Defence Agency (hereinafter referred to as “the Agency”), and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Having regard to the European Code of Good Administrative Behaviour adopted by the European Parliament¹,

Whereas:

(1) Every person has the right to have his or her affairs handled impartially, fairly and within a reasonable time by the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the Union;

(2) the European Ombudsman considers the European Code of Good Administrative Behaviour to be a vital tool in performing his examination work in the context of alleged cases of maladministration in respect of all institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the Union and their staff;

(3) the public should be made aware of the standard of conduct they can expect when dealing with the Agency;

(4) it is necessary that the European Defence Agency adopt the Code of Good Administrative Behaviour and ensure that the provisions set out therein apply indiscriminately to all persons working at the Agency;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The European Code of Good Administrative Behaviour (hereinafter referred to as “the Code”) shall apply by analogy to the European Defence Agency and to its staff.

¹ EP Resolution No C5-0438 from 6 September 2001 published in OJ 2002/C 72 E/004, 21.03.2002, p. 239.

The Agency shall take the necessary measures to ensure that the provisions set out in the Code also apply to other persons working for it, such as persons employed under private law contracts and interns.

Article 2

References, in the Code, to the terms “Institution(s)” and “official” shall be construed as meaning “Agency” and “staff member”, respectively.

Article 3

This decision shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

Signed by the Chief Executive on 22 February 2011.