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**MILITARY COMMITTEE APPROVAL TO AMEND MC 0020/11, MC POLICY FOR
MILITARY OPERATIONAL STANDARDISATION**

References:

- A. MC 0020/11 (Final), MC Policy for Military Operational Standardisation, 27 Apr 15
- B. NSO(JOINT)0479(2019)JSB, 85th MCJSB Meeting 4 March 2019, Record of Decision, 11 Apr 19.

1. In order to further enhance interoperability, timely ratification and implementation of NATO doctrine are of crucial importance.
2. The Military Committee Joint Standardization Board's (MCJSB) experience has demonstrated that Capstone¹ and Keystone² Allied Joint Publications (AJPs), due to the current promulgation criteria for these important publications as outlined in Reference A., often are only promulgated with a considerable time delay. This development endangers the Alliance's efforts to enhance interoperability.
3. Against that background the MC approves the MCJSB's decision, made during its 85th meeting, to change the promulgation criteria for Capstone and Keystone AJPs from positive ratification responses from all NATO member states to a three-quarter majority (Reference B.).
4. In line with this decision, the MC also approves the amendment of MC 0020/11 (Reference A.) accordingly. The amended paragraph 20 of this document therefore will read:
"For all operational standards, MC DTAs determine the promulgation criteria in accordance with AAP-03. Capstone and Keystone Allied Joint Publications (AJPs) require positive ratification responses from three quarters of all NATO member states, without reservation, and shall be promulgated by consensus of the NATO member states."

¹ "Capstone" refers to AJP-01 only.

² "Keystone" refers to AJP-02 through 06.



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5. This document clears IMSWM-0195-2019, 12 Apr 19 and all SDs thereto.



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