

Amendment 7

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Report

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B. whereas the MFF 2014-2020 *quickly proved its inadequacy* in meeting actual needs *and political ambitions, as, from the outset, it was called upon to address a series of crises and new challenges* in the areas of investment, social exclusion, migration and refugees, youth employment, security, agriculture, the environment *and climate change, which had not been anticipated at the time of its adoption; whereas, as a result, the current MFF had already been pushed to its limits after only two years of implementation as available margins had been exhausted, flexibility provisions and special instruments had been mobilised to a substantial extent, existing policies and programmes had been put under pressure or even reduced, and some off-budget mechanisms had been created as a way of compensating for the insufficient level and flexibility of the EU budget;*

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B. whereas the MFF 2014-2020 *and the EU budgetary policy proved their inefficiency* in meeting actual needs in the areas of investment, social exclusion, migration and refugees, youth employment, security, agriculture *and* the environment;

Or. en

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7. Stresses that the next MFF provides an opportunity for the Union to demonstrate that it stands together and is able to address political developments such as Brexit, the rise of populist and nationalist movements and changes in global leadership; underlines that divisions and self-centredness are not an answer to global issues and to citizens' concerns; considers that the Brexit negotiations, in particular, show that the benefits of being a Union member greatly outweigh the cost of contributing to its budget; asks in this context for the full observance of the framework of the commitments previously assumed, as in the case of the Good Friday Agreement in respect of rule of law and democracy;

7. Refuses and deplors any attempt to exploit the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the EU (Brexit) to reinforce the revenue side of the budget, which will ultimately lead to further taxation of businesses and an increase in tax pressure on citizens;

Or. en

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Paragraph 10 a (new)

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10a. Reiterates its concern regarding funding under the EU budget and its role in supplying concrete answers to the needs of citizens and the growing difficulties they are facing, such as unemployment, economic recession, poverty, the migration crisis and security threats; underlines the need to properly evaluate which funds could be better managed at national level in order to guarantee full respect for the subsidiarity principle;

Or. en

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Paragraph 116 a (new)

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116a. Calls for a severe and concrete reduction in the EU's administrative expenditure, taking into account the economic restrictions experienced in several Member States;

Or. en

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Paragraph 117

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117. *Welcomes initiatives by the institutions, bodies and agencies to further enhance efficiency through increased administrative cooperation and the pooling of certain functions, thereby generating savings to the Union budget; highlights that, for certain agencies, further efficiency gains could be made, especially through increased cooperation among agencies with similar tasks, such as in the field of the financial market supervision and of agencies with multiple locations; calls, in a more general way, for a thorough assessment of the possibilities of grouping agencies according to the strategic nature of their mission and their results in order to create synergies among agencies, e.g. regarding the European Banking Authority and the European Securities and Markets Authority in Paris;*

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117. *Calls for a complete revision of the role of the European agencies and asks whether their tasks and objectives could not be better accomplished by existing Commission Directorates-General or by Member States, in order to prevent duplication of roles and costs and also improve transparency;*

Or. en

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Paragraph 119

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119. *Calls on the Commission to propose a mechanism whereby Member States that do not respect the values enshrined in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) can be subject to financial consequences; warns, however, that final beneficiaries of the Union budget can in no way be affected by breaches of rules for which they are not responsible; is convinced, therefore, that the Union budget is not the right instrument for addressing the failure to observe Article 2 TEU, and that any possible financial consequence should be borne by the Member State independently of budget implementation;*

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119. *Refuses and deplors any attempt to apply political or economic conditionality to EU funds; denounces this initiative as a further attack against European nations and their freedom and independence;*

Or. en