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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 15**

**Draft opinion**  
**Zigmantas Balčytis**  
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General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2015 - all sections  
(2014/2040(BUD))

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**Amendment 1**  
**Sabine Lösing**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. *Welcomes* the increase in commitment and payment appropriations in Heading 4 compared to the current year *as urgently necessary* after severe cuts *but notes that the increase is still insufficient to match the EU's needs*; stresses that it is of vital importance to ensure appropriate funding for the EU's global activities *if it is to live up to the ambitious goals set out in the Lisbon treaty*;

*Amendment*

1. *Notes* the increase in commitment and payment appropriations in Heading 4 compared to the current year after severe cuts *concerning development aid and civil conflict resolution/mediation, disarmament and DDR programmes*; stresses that it is of vital importance to ensure appropriate funding for the EU's global activities *such as poverty eradication, sustainable development and the Millennium Development Goals, arms-control, the NPT regime and nuclear disarmament, the peaceful resolution of conflicts, favouring balanced economic relations, fair trade and fair distribution of the world's resources and wealth to ensure stability and prosperity in the EU and the world*;

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Notes, in particular, that once again insufficient funding has been budgeted for the Middle East Peace Process, Palestine and UNRWA *and asks for sufficient funds to be provided*;

*Amendment*

3. Notes, in particular, that once again insufficient funding has been budgeted for the Middle East Peace Process, Palestine and UNRWA; *stresses that in light of the on-going humanitarian crisis, the increase in the number of refugees, the situation on the ground and the*

*destruction of vital infrastructure in the Gaza Strip an increase of funds is needed;*

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Sabine Lösing**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Notes, in particular, that once again insufficient funding has been budgeted for the Middle East Peace Process, Palestine and UNRWA and asks for sufficient funds to be provided;

*Amendment*

3. Notes, in particular, that once again insufficient funding has been budgeted for the Middle East Peace Process, Palestine and UNRWA and asks for sufficient funds to be provided, *particularly in view of the current exacerbation of the humanitarian crisis;*

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Zigmantas Balčytis**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Stresses the worrisome situation with regard to payment credits in Heading 4, which, despite the substantive increase compared to the current year foreseen by the Commission, may not satisfy requirements on the ground;

*Amendment*

4. Stresses the worrisome situation with regard to payment credits in Heading 4, which, despite the substantive increase compared to the current year foreseen by the Commission, may not satisfy requirements on the ground; *notes, however, with approval the decision to equalise commitments and payments for the humanitarian aid instrument;*

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Sabine Lösing**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Notes *with particular concern the severe* cuts in payment appropriations for the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace which *is already suffering from a shortfall in payment appropriations during the current year that can only be exacerbated by the new cuts*;

*Amendment*

5. Notes *the* cuts in payment appropriations for the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace *from which CSDP related expenses, such as military or civil-military (training) missions are financed; supports thus drastic cuts or even the termination of CSDP related expenses within or outside the framework of the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace; emphasises the importance of keeping the commitments for the EU's major foreign policy financial instruments, such as development and humanitarian aid*;

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Reinhard Bütikofer**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Notes with particular concern the severe cuts in payment appropriations for the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace which is *already* suffering from a shortfall in payment appropriations *during* the current year *that* can only be exacerbated by the new cuts;

*Amendment*

5. Notes with particular concern the severe cuts in payment appropriations for the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace which is suffering from a *substantial* shortfall in payment appropriations *already limiting the EU's capacity to respond to urgent crises in* the current year; *notes that this situation* can only be exacerbated by the new cuts;

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Zigmantas Balčytis**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Notes with particular concern the severe cuts in payment appropriations for the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace which is already suffering from a shortfall in payment appropriations during the current year that can only be exacerbated by the new cuts;

*Amendment*

5. Notes with particular concern the severe cuts in payment appropriations for the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (**ISP**) which is already suffering from a shortfall in payment appropriations during the current year that can only be exacerbated by the new cuts; ***stresses that the ISP is a vital tool for the EU's crisis management and conflict resolution activities, for example in Ukraine;***

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Zigmantas Balčytis**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Rejects the considerable cuts to Heading 4 proposed by the Council which would only exacerbate the already critical situation, in particular with regard to payments; strongly opposes any potential linkage between the negotiations on the 2015 budget and those on Draft Amending Budget 3;***

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Philippe Juvin**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5 a. Emphasises the importance of providing the Commission service for Foreign Policy Instruments with adequate resources to carry out the implementation of the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace, CFSP operations, the Partnership Instrument and the election observation missions under the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights.***

Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Sabine Lösing**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6. Stresses the importance of providing the EEAS with sufficient funds for the opening of an EU delegation in Iran in line with the resolution of the European Parliament of 3 April 2014 on the EU strategy towards Iran.***

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Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Cristian Dan Preda**  
on behalf of the EPP Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Stresses the importance of providing the EEAS with sufficient funds *for the* opening of an EU delegation in Iran in line with the resolution of the European Parliament of 3 April 2014 on the EU strategy towards Iran.

*Amendment*

6. Stresses the importance of providing the EEAS with sufficient funds *to prepare for a possible* opening of an EU delegation in Iran *in case the negotiations are concluded successfully and* in line with the resolution of the European Parliament of 3 April 2014 on the EU strategy towards Iran.

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Philippe Juvin**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6a. Takes note of the European Court of Auditors' recent special report on the establishment of the EEAS published on 30 June 2014 and its recommendations to enhance the EEAS's added value and efficiency, such as working with the Commission to mitigate the impact of the rigidity of its financial and staff regulations on the efficiency of EU delegations in order to devote more resources to political tasks.***

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Zigmantas Balčytis**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**



*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6a. Reiterates the importance of transferring the budget line for EU Special Representatives (EUSRs) to the EEAS budget in order to support their better integration into the EEAS, in accordance with the proposal made by the HRVP in the EEAS Review, Parliament's recommendation of 13 June 2013 and the European Court of Auditors' Special Report 11/2014;***

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Zigmantas Balčytis**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6b. Welcomes the on-going effort of the EEAS to update its IT systems and strengthen its information security capabilities; remains concerned about the disproportionate number of senior posts in the service.***

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Zigmantas Balčytis**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6c. Urges the Commission, following the example of the EEAS, to provide annually updated data about the number of***

*Commission staff in delegations, both internal and external, broken down by country and directorate-general and with an indication of what budget line they are funded from to enable the budgetary authorities to better assess the Commission's global activities;*

Or. en