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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
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Amendment 1
Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

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Amendment

1a. Calls for the effective use of all available measures in agreements with third countries to deal with fraud and damage to the EU's financial interests, and for the establishment of more effective measures where necessary;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Calls for the creation of effective mechanisms for the ex-post and ex-ante impact assessment of agreements between the EU and third countries;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Zigmantas Balčytis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Amendment

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supporting documentation; ***urges the Commission to rapidly put in place a new clearing procedure*** to avoid such errors in the future ***and*** ensure that ***clearings are only made*** on the basis of ***incurred expenditure and not on the basis of estimates***;

supporting documentation; ***endorses the ECA recommendation that***, to avoid such errors in the future, ***the Commission and DG NEAR should*** ensure that ***a new validation system is established whereby expenditure items would be cleared*** on the basis of ***the accounts submitted***;

Or. It

Amendment 4
Antonio López-Istúriz White

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Or. es

Amendment 5
Eduard Kukan, Arnaud Danjean

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Stresses the vital importance of setting-up a Shared Services Centre (SSC) that would result in important cost savings by providing centralized logistical, procurement and administrative support to the CSDP missions and to the EU

Special Representatives and their offices; deplores the long delay in setting up the centre and urges all stakeholders involved to strive to reach as a matter of urgency an agreement on an ambitious SSC, capable of efficiently supporting missions, especially at their start-up, of standardizing work processes and of delivering faster and more cost-effective procurement;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Angel Dzhambazki

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Is deeply concerned about the allegations of corruption against EULEX Kosovo and the way *these* allegations were dealt with; takes note of the investigation launched to examine EULEX; expects to be informed about its results as soon as possible and stresses the need to apply the lessons learned and avoid any recurrence.

Amendment

5. Is deeply concerned about the *serious* allegations of corruption against EULEX Kosovo *which, if confirmed, will call into question the integrity of the European Union's reputation and the assistance it provides to countries implementing reforms in the field of the rule of law*, and *is also especially concerned at the way the allegations of corruption were dealt with and at the slow response on the part of the European External Action Service*; takes note of the investigation launched to examine EULEX; expects to be informed about its results as soon as possible and stresses the need to apply the lessons learned and avoid any recurrence.

Or. bg

Amendment 7
Sabine Lösing

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Is deeply concerned about the allegations of corruption against EULEX Kosovo and the way these allegations were dealt with; takes note of the investigation launched to examine EULEX; expects to be informed about its results as soon as possible and stresses *the need to apply the lessons learned and avoid any recurrence*.

Amendment

5. Is deeply concerned about the allegations of corruption against EULEX Kosovo and the way these allegations were dealt with; takes note of the investigation launched to examine EULEX; expects to be informed about its results as soon as possible and *further stresses that EULEX Kosovo has been already compromised as this civilian mission includes paramilitary units and focuses on counterinsurgency; therefore EULEX Kosovo should be terminated and the funds shall be reallocated to purely civilian missions*.

Or. en

Amendment 8
Mariya Gabriel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

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Amendment

5. Is deeply concerned about the allegations of corruption against EULEX Kosovo and the way these allegations were dealt with; takes note of the investigation launched to examine EULEX; expects to be informed about its results as soon as possible and stresses *that there must be a zero tolerance policy on issues of corruption and that lessons learnt will have to be applied*.

Or. en

Amendment 9
Anneli Jäätteenmäki

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Regrets the significant delays in procuring essential equipment and services for missions under the CSDP and the resulting negative effect on the missions' functioning; recalls that the Court of Auditors in its 2012 Special Report on the EU support for Kosovo denounced this inefficiency and concluded that the procurement rules laid down in the financial regulation "are not designed for CSDP missions where fast and flexible responses are sometimes necessary"; urges the Commission to consider a revision of the relevant rules.

Or. en

Amendment 10
Christian Ehler

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Takes the opinion that the Commission should introduce, by delegated acts in accordance with Article 210 of the Financial Regulation, specific procurement rules to the crisis management measures under the CSDP in order to facilitate the rapid and flexible conduct of operations; recalls that Article 190(4) of the Financial Regulation already provides for derogation from the external action procurement rules for humanitarian aid.

Or. en