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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft opinion**  
**Cristian Dan Preda**  
(PE564.956v01-00)

General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2016 - all sections  
(2015/2132(BUD))



**Amendment 1**  
**Sabine Lösing**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. **Welcomes** the increase in commitment and payment appropriations in Heading 4, Global Europe, compared to the preceding year, which should give the means to the European Union to uphold and promote its **values and interests and contribute to the protection of its citizen in its relations with the wider world**; notes in particular the importance of the considerably increased payments, which will help deal with the substantial backlog that has accumulated in recent years; therefore strongly opposes the cuts proposed by Council to commitment and payment appropriations;

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1. **Notes** the increase in commitment and payment appropriations in Heading 4, Global Europe, compared to the preceding year, which should give the means to the European Union to uphold and promote its **priorities such as poverty eradication and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, civil conflict solution and mediation, DDR, arms control and the NPT-regime, fair trade, favouring balanced economic relations, and humanitarian and development aid**; notes in particular the importance of the considerably increased payments, which will help deal with the substantial backlog that has accumulated in recent years; therefore strongly opposes the cuts proposed by Council to commitment and payment appropriations;

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Bas Belder**

**Draft opinion**  
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the wider world; notes in particular the importance of the considerably increased payments, which will help deal with the substantial backlog that has accumulated in recent years; ***underlines the need for prioritisation given*** the cuts proposed by Council;

Or. en

### **Amendment 3** **Sabine Lösing**

#### **Draft opinion** **Paragraph 2**

##### *Draft opinion*

2. Emphasises the particular importance of providing sufficient funding for the European Neighbourhood Instrument, which ***plays a vital*** role in ***supporting stability among*** Europe's Eastern and Southern neighbours; ***strongly welcomes*** the 4.9% increase in commitment appropriations compared to last year; notes ***critically*** the ***severe*** cuts applied to the ENI by Council and stresses the ***urgent*** need to increase appropriations ***by a substantial margin*** to meet the needs of the countries covered by the instrument;

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### **Amendment 4** **Pier Antonio Panzeri**

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Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Liisa Jaakonsaari**

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Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
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Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Michèle Alliot-Marie**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2a. Welcomes the rise in commitment and payment appropriations for the CFSP, given the current geopolitical situation, notably in Europe's neighbourhood; asks whether commitments and payments will increase in the 2016 draft budget to fight terrorism, tackle challenges in the Mediterranean, and deal with the crisis in Libya and Yemen;***

**Amendment 8**  
**Michèle Alliot-Marie**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2b. Welcomes the rise in commitments for the EU's military missions such as EUTM Mali and EUNAVFOR Med, and its civilian missions, such as EUBAM Libya;***

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Michèle Alliot-Marie**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2c. Recalls that fighting terrorism is an EU priority for the coming years and calls for an increase in commitment appropriations on all budget lines related to the fight, notably the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace;***

Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Bas Belder**

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

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Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Michèle Alliot-Marie**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Stresses that the defence of human rights and the promotion of democracy is a matter of vital importance in the current global environment and symbolic of the EU's commitments to its core values; emphasises that the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights is an essential tool in this regard, which needs to be provided with adequate funding;

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Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Liisa Jaakonsaari**



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

*Draft opinion*

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3. Stresses that the defence of human rights, *fundamental freedoms* and the promotion of democracy is a matter of vital importance in the current global environment and symbolic of the EU's commitments to its core values; emphasises that the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights is an essential tool in this regard, which needs to be provided with adequate funding;

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Michèle Alliot-Marie**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. Takes note of the conclusions of the European Council of 25 June 2015; stresses that the CFSP entails strong commitments to visibility and flexibility, notably to the development of civilian and military capacities, to reinforcing the defence industry and to SMEs; to that end, strongly welcomes the Council's readiness to ensure appropriate funding for the preparatory action on CSDP related research, paving the way for a dedicated and well-funded defence research and technology program in the next MFF;***

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Marietje Schaake**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. Calls on the EEAS to prepare for the opening of an EU delegation in Iran with the aim of effectively representing the EU, particularly after the deal has been reached between the E3+3 and Iran, and the need to address important topics such as human rights and regional stability;***

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Michèle Alliot-Marie**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

4. Underlines the importance of budgeting sufficient funds for the Middle East Peace Process, the Palestinian Authority and UNRWA in order to meet the needs on the ground, which have increased in recent years due to multiple regional crises;

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***demands the creation of a specific budget line in the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace for the protection of and provision of humanitarian aid to persecuted minorities, such as Christians in the Middle East;***

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Bas Belder**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Underlines the importance of budgeting sufficient funds for the Middle East Peace Process, the Palestinian Authority and UNRWA in order to meet the needs on the ground, ***which have increased in recent years due to multiple regional crises;***

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4. Underlines the importance of budgeting sufficient funds for the Middle East Peace Process, the Palestinian Authority and UNRWA ***for specific, well-defined projects*** in order to meet the needs on the ground ***and of ensuring that they go to the intended civilian recipients;***

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Liisa Jaakonsaari**

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

*Draft opinion*

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Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

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

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Or. en

**Amendment 19**  
**Michèle Alliot-Marie**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4a. Deplores the Council's proposed reduction of commitments appropriations for cooperation with Middle Eastern countries under the Development Cooperation Instrument; recalls the crisis in Yemen and other challenges related to it;***

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Zigmantas Balčytis**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5. Asks for the budget line for EU Special Representatives to be transferred from the CFSP budget to the EEAS budget to ensure their adequate integration into the work of the EEAS.***

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Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Cristian Dan Preda**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. *Asks for the budget line for EU Special Representatives to be transferred from the CFSP budget to the EEAS budget to ensure their adequate integration into the work of the EEAS.*

*Amendment*

5. *Appreciates the ongoing reflection process taking place in the EEAS on the future of EU Special Representatives and their relationship with the EEAS; considers that any change to the budget line for EU Special Representatives should only take place after the current reflection process is concluded;*

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Bas Belder**

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

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5. Asks for *further clarification on the need for* the budget line for EU Special Representatives to be transferred from the CFSP budget to the EEAS budget to ensure their adequate integration into the work of the EEAS *in order to determine whether such a transfer would respect the subsidiarity principle and if it would take place in a budgetary neutral manner.*

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Urmas Paet**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5a. Stresses the need to foresee funding for the EEAS to start providing consular functions in its delegations in order to provide help for all EU citizens during crises, as not all Member States can afford having embassies and representations in all of the countries where the EEAS is present; underlines that it is therefore necessary for EU delegations to start providing consular assistance to all EU citizens in need.***

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**Cristian Dan Preda**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5a. Supports the EEAS' plan to open an EU delegation in Iran in the wake of the successful conclusion of the nuclear talks.***

Or. en