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Amendment 1
Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution
Citation 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**- having regard to the Common statement
by eight Member States on the
mobilisation of the contingency margin;**

Or. en

Amendment 2
Nils Torvalds, Gérard Deprez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Recalls that, in its resolution of 13 March 2014, the Parliament underlined the need to reinforce strategic investment in actions with European added value in order to help put the European economy back on track, generating sustainable growth and employment, in particular youth employment, while aiming to increase economic and social cohesion;

1. Recalls that, in its resolution of 13 March 2014, the Parliament underlined the need to reinforce strategic investment in actions with European added value in order to help put the European economy back on track, generating **competitiveness**, sustainable growth and employment, in particular youth employment, while aiming to increase economic and social cohesion;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Iratxe García Pérez

on behalf of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 a. Recalls the Joint Declaration of the three institutions that the annual budgetary procedures applied for the MFF 2014-2020 will integrate, as appropriate, gender-responsive elements; points out the need for further efforts and for a common approach between the three institutions in order to ensure an effective gender mainstreaming in the annual budgetary procedures;

Or. en

Amendment 4

Iratxe García Pérez

on behalf of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 b. Reiterates its call that gender analysis should be an integral part of the EU budgetary procedures and that it should actively involve all actors at all levels of the process in order to advance the EU commitment towards gender equality;

Or. en

Amendment 5

Iratxe García Pérez

on behalf of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 c. Points out that continued funding of

the European Institute for Gender Equality should be safeguarded at an appropriate level so as to ensure that the Institute has the necessary resources in order to fulfil its tasks;

Or. en

Amendment 6

Iratxe García Pérez

on behalf of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 d. Underlines the importance of maintaining the draft budget for the budget lines "Ensuring the protection of rights and empowering citizens" and "Promoting non-discrimination and equality", implementing the programme Rights, Equality and Citizenship 2014 – 2020 and reiterates in this context that it is essential that the name Daphne and the level of financing is maintained in relation to the specific objective of the programme aimed at preventing and combating violence against children, young people and women;

Or. en

Amendment 7

Isabelle Thomas

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Highlights that Heads of States and Governments agreed once more in June

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Or. en

Amendment 8 **Paul Tang**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 3**

Motion for a resolution

3. Recalls, once more, that the EU budget should in no way be perceived and evaluated simply as a financial item added as a burden to national budgets but, on the contrary, is to be understood as an opportunity to gear up those initiatives and investments that are of interest and of added value to the Union as a whole, most of them co-decided by Parliament and the Council and thus legitimised also at national level;

Amendment

3. Recalls, once more, that the EU budget should in no way be perceived and evaluated simply as a financial item added as a burden to national budgets but, on the contrary, is to be understood as an opportunity to gear up those initiatives and investments that are of interest and of added value to the Union as a whole, most of them co-decided by Parliament and the Council and thus legitimised also at national level; ***regrets that, as for the council, a blind spot for this asset of the European budget seems to be embedded in the budgeting procedure; invites the council to join the conversation on proposals for a new structural approach to the European budget as to enhance the understanding of each other's position, to give the interlocutors a clearer image of the extent to which EU expenditures contribute to the shared commitment of growth and jobs for the EU, and to avoid***

unnecessary, returning conflicts as much as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 9

José Manuel Fernandes

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 10

Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Reiterates the complementary nature of the EU budget to national budgets and the impetus it creates to promote growth and jobs and underlines that *given its very nature and limited size it should not be checked and curbed by arbitrary reductions but on the contrary targeted areas need to be reinforced;*

Amendment

4. Reiterates the complementary nature of the EU budget to national budgets and the impetus it creates to promote growth and jobs and underlines that *the principle of EU added value must represent the cornerstone of all EU Budgets;*

Amendment 11
Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Believes that European public spending cannot be exempt from the considerable efforts made by Member States to bring their public spending under control, stresses that the action taken in recent years to curb annual growth in European payment appropriations should therefore be stepped up;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Notes that the Draft Budget 2015 (DB) proposed by the Commission amounts to (including special instruments) EUR 145 599,3 million in commitment appropriations (CA) and EUR 142 137,3 million in payment appropriations (PA); highlights that the overall volume of the payment appropriations in the DB represents a ***moderate*** 1,4% increase over the 2014 Budget (taking into account AB 1 and DAB 2-4/2014), and is ***still*** EUR 2 billion lower than the implemented 2013 budget; notes that the Commission proposed to leave a total margin of EUR 1

5. Notes that the Draft Budget 2015 (DB) proposed by the Commission amounts to (including special instruments) EUR 145 599,3 million in commitment appropriations (CA) and EUR 142 137,3 million in payment appropriations (PA); highlights that the overall volume of the payment appropriations in the DB represents a 1,4% increase over the 2014 Budget (taking into account AB 1 and DAB 2-4/2014), and is EUR 2 billion lower than the implemented 2013 budget (***taking into account AB 1 - 9***); notes that the Commission proposed to leave a total

478,9 million in commitment appropriations under the ceilings in its DB;

margin of EUR 1 478,9 million in commitment appropriations under the ceilings in its DB;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. Believes that in any sound budgetary process a margin between the agreed budget and the annual ceiling must be large enough to deal with unforeseen pressures that will inevitably emerge;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Marco Zanni, Marco Valli, Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Underlines the importance of decentralised agencies, which are vital for the implementation of Union policies and programmes; stresses the need to provide them with appropriate financial means and staff so that they can properly fulfil the tasks assigned to them by the legislative authority;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 15
Paul Tang

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Deplores that the Council, in its reading, reduced commitment appropriations by EUR 522 million and payment appropriations by EUR 2,1 billion, thus setting the Union budget for 2015 at EUR 145 077,4 million in commitments and EUR 139 996,9 million in payments; points out that the EUR 2,1 billion cut in payments would represent a reduction of - 0,18 % as compared to 2014 Budget (including AB 1/2014 and DAB 2-4/2014);

Amendment

7. Deplores that the Council, in its reading, reduced commitment appropriations by EUR 522 million and payment appropriations by EUR 2,1 billion, thus setting the Union budget for 2015 at EUR 145 077,4 million in commitments and EUR 139 996,9 million in payments; points out that the EUR 2,1 billion cut in payments would represent a reduction of - 0,18 % as compared to 2014 Budget (including AB 1/2014 and DAB 2-4/2014); ***is especially concerned about the severe cuts in the payment appropriations of the funds for competitiveness for growth and jobs under heading 1a, that represent an egregious breach with the council's commitment to overcome the crisis and to reinvigorate economic growth;***

Or. en

Amendment 16
Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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(including AB 1/2014 and DAB 2-4/2014);

Or. en

Amendment 17
Flavio Zanonato, Pina Picierno

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Disapproves of the Council's reading on the 2015 Budget which disregards the multiannual character of the Union's policies, and which would instead of tackling the issue further aggravate payments shortages and slowdown further the implementation of Union programmes;

Amendment

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Underlines the negative impact that this approach have on the Union perception by its citizens; most of all reiterates that, in order to overcome the economic crisis, the EU should increase its investments;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Paul Tang

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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notes in this light that the growing gap

between payment and commitment appropriations exacerbates the problems with the backlog of outstanding commitments.

Or. en

Amendment 19
Isabelle Thomas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Disapproves of the Council's reading on the 2015 Budget which disregards the multiannual character of the Union's policies, and which would instead of tackling the issue further aggravate payments shortages and slowdown further the implementation of Union programmes;

Amendment

8. Disapproves of the Council's reading on the 2015 Budget which disregards the multiannual character of the Union's policies, and which would instead of tackling the issue further aggravate payments shortages and slowdown further the implementation of Union programmes; *Underlines once more that the Council's approach to fix the level of payments in accordance with the inflation rate totally disregards the nature and function of the multiannual character of EU polices and renders the MFF totally irrelevant;*

Or. en

Amendment 20
Bernd Kölme

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. *Disapproves of* the Council's reading on the 2015 Budget which *disregards the multiannual character of the Union's policies, and which would instead of tackling the issue further aggravate*

Amendment

8. *Notes* the Council's reading on the 2015 Budget which *recognises that the front-loading into the first few years of the MFF would impose pressure on later years of the deal;*

payments shortages and slowdown further the implementation of Union programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. *Deplores the arbitrary* cuts proposed by the Council to the administrative and support lines *financing the implementation of key Union programmes which could be detrimental to the successful start of new programmes as a lack of administrative capacity entails a serious risk of hampering the implementation of Union policies;*

Amendment

9. *Notes the* cuts proposed by the Council to the administrative and support lines which *demonstrates their commitment to real budgetary restraint and discipline;*

Or. en

Amendment 22
Flavio Zanonato, Pina Picierno

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

9 a. Notes that the significant cuts proposed by the Council in key areas such research, innovation, space, infrastructures, SMEs and energy will be harmful to the EU's competitiveness and growth;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 23
Siegfried Mureşan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. Is deeply concerned about the Council's use of double standards as regards the EU budget, where on the one hand it calls for an increase of EU funds towards areas which can generate sustainable growth, such as research, innovation, infrastructure and on the other hand it proposes major cuts in those areas;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Welcomes the point of view expressed by 13 Member States that they are convinced that the Council's agreed level of payment appropriations may not be sufficient and could lead to great pressure with regard to the timely fulfilment of the Union's legal obligations and the meeting of commitments already made; recalls that, according to Article 323 of the Treaty, «the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission shall ensure that the financial means are made available to allow the Union to fulfil its legal obligation in respect of third parties»;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 25
Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Considers that the Council holds a strong political responsibility for the very tense situation in payments, due to its inability to gather a qualified majority within its ranks to secure a level of payments allowing the Union to cover undisputed payment needs;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 26
Nils Torvalds, Gérard Deprez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Considers that the Council holds a strong political responsibility for the very tense situation in payments, due to its inability to gather a qualified majority within its ranks to secure a level of payments allowing the Union to cover undisputed payment needs;

Amendment

11. Considers that, due to its inability, year after year, to gather a qualified majority within its ranks to secure a level of payments allowing the Union to cover undisputed payment needs, the Council holds a strong political responsibility for the very tense situation in payments; denounces the fact that this has progressively led to the creation of a structural deficit of the EU budget, which contradicts the Treaty provisions and which puts at risk the ability of the Commission to meet its legal obligations;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Paul Tang

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

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11. Considers that the Council holds a strong political responsibility for the very tense situation in payments, due to its inability to gather a qualified majority within its ranks to secure a level of payments allowing the Union to cover undisputed payment needs; ***notes at the same time that the current design of the European budget, where payment appropriations are linked to national contributions, can bolster adverse choices among member states, especially in times where the importance of balanced national budget is in the centre of the discourse;***

Or. en

Amendment 28
José Manuel Fernandes
on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Considers that the Council holds a strong political responsibility for the very tense situation in payments, due to its ***inability*** to gather a qualified majority within its ranks to secure a level of payments allowing the Union to cover undisputed payment needs;

Amendment

11. Considers that the Council holds a strong political responsibility for the very tense situation in payments, due to its ***failure*** to gather a qualified majority within its ranks to secure a level of payments allowing the Union to cover undisputed payment needs; ***stresses, however, that such level of payments is the direct outcome of a corresponding level of commitments, which the Council formally adopted with the necessary***

*qualified majority in the context of
annual budgetary procedures;*

Or. en

Amendment 29
Paul Tang

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Regrets the innate conflict between the council on the one hand and the Parliament and Commission on the other hand; calls for ways to convert this tension in a more productive exchange of opinions; hopes that the openness for new attitudes and proposals will ultimately lead to structural changes that foster a balanced budget deal that reflects the ambitions and concerns of both arms of the budget authority;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Nils Torvalds, Gérard Deprez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Emphasizes that besides implementing the political agreement reached in the negotiations of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020 as regards frontloading of appropriations for specified policy objectives, the Commission did not propose additional efforts to accommodate priorities outlined by the Parliament; decides therefore to reinforce financial

12. Emphasizes that besides implementing the political agreement reached in the negotiations of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020 as regards frontloading of appropriations for specified policy objectives, the Commission did not propose additional efforts to accommodate priorities ***not only*** outlined by the Parliament ***but also agreed by the Heads***

resources for the Union political objectives and strategic priorities, in a number of areas in Headings 1a, 1b and 4 by exhausting margins in commitment appropriations;

of States and Governments in the European Council; decides therefore to reinforce financial resources for the Union political objectives and strategic priorities, in a number of areas in Headings 1a, 1b and 4 by exhausting margins in commitment appropriations;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Isabelle Thomas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Emphasizes that besides implementing the political agreement reached in the negotiations of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020 as regards frontloading of appropriations for specified policy objectives, the Commission did not propose additional efforts to accommodate priorities outlined by the Parliament; decides therefore to reinforce financial resources for the Union political objectives and strategic priorities, in a number of areas in Headings 1a, 1b and 4 by exhausting margins in commitment appropriations;

Amendment

12. Emphasizes that besides implementing the political agreement reached in the negotiations of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020 as regards frontloading of appropriations for specified policy objectives, the Commission did not propose additional efforts to accommodate priorities outlined by the Parliament; decides therefore to reinforce financial resources for the Union political objectives and strategic priorities, in a number of areas in Headings 1a, 1b, 3 and 4 by exhausting margins in commitment appropriations;

Or. en

Amendment 32
José Manuel Fernandes
on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. **Emphasizes that besides implementing the political agreement reached in the negotiations of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020 as regards frontloading of appropriations for specified policy objectives, the Commission did not propose additional efforts to accommodate priorities outlined by the Parliament;** decides **therefore** to reinforce financial resources for the Union political objectives and strategic priorities, in a number of areas in Headings 1a, 1b and 4 by exhausting margins in commitment appropriations;

Amendment

12. **Notes that the Draft Budget integrated the** frontloading of appropriations for specified policy objectives, **which was part of the political agreement reached in the MFF negotiations;** decides **moreover** to reinforce financial resources for the Union political objectives and strategic priorities, in a number of areas in Headings 1a, 1b and 4 by exhausting margins in commitment appropriations;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Paul Tang

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Decides to concentrate its reinforcements on the programmes which are at the core of the Europe 2020 strategy aimed at fostering growth, competitiveness and employment, namely Horizon 2020, COSME, Erasmus +, the digital agenda, Progress, EURES, the Microfinance Facility and the social agenda;

Amendment

13. Decides to concentrate its reinforcements on the programmes which are at the core of the Europe 2020 strategy aimed at fostering growth, competitiveness and employment, namely Horizon 2020, COSME, Erasmus +, the digital agenda, Progress, EURES, the Microfinance Facility and the social agenda; **for these programmes are exemplary for how the European Union contributes to an innovative and prosperous economy among the continent;**

Or. en

Amendment 34
Isabelle Thomas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Decides to concentrate its reinforcements on the programmes which are at the core of the Europe 2020 strategy aimed at fostering growth, competitiveness and employment, namely Horizon 2020, COSME, Erasmus +, the digital agenda, Progress, EURES, the Microfinance Facility and the social agenda;

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Or. en

Amendment 35
José Manuel Fernandes
on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Decides to concentrate its reinforcements on the programmes which are at the core of the Europe 2020 strategy aimed at fostering growth, competitiveness and employment, namely Horizon 2020, COSME, Erasmus +, the digital agenda, Progress, EURES, the Microfinance Facility and the social agenda;

Amendment

13. Decides to concentrate its reinforcements on the programmes which are at the core of the Europe 2020 strategy aimed at fostering growth, competitiveness and employment, namely Horizon 2020, COSME, Erasmus +, the digital agenda, Progress, EURES, the Microfinance Facility and the social agenda; ***reinforces also programmes that are instrumental for the delivery of the EU external policy agenda, such as Neighbourhood policy and Humanitarian Aid; insists on the need to also increase the financing of important programmes and policies like FEAD, Europe for citizens and development***;

Amendment 36
José Manuel Fernandes
on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Insists on the need to increase the financing of programmes and initiatives to fight against inequalities like FEAD, Europe for Citizens, gender equality, development and humanitarian aid;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 37
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Invites the Commission to start a reflection on how to integrate gender budgeting principles into the EU budget;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Isabelle Thomas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Supports the Commission's proposal to

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make full use of resources available under the 2015 payment ceiling thereby leaving no margin under the 2015 payment ceiling; restores all of the Council's cuts in payments on the basis of current and expected implementation patterns;

make full use of resources available under the 2015 payment ceiling thereby leaving no margin under the 2015 payment ceiling; restores all of the Council's cuts in payments on the basis of current and expected implementation patterns; ***that have been made on the basis of current and expected implementation patterns; underlines that the Council did not provide any tangible and concrete evidence, nor specific figures in respect of implementation pattern to justify the cuts it proposed;***

Or. en

Amendment 39
Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. ***Supports*** the Commission's proposal to make full use of resources available under the 2015 payment ceiling thereby leaving no margin under the 2015 payment ceiling; ***restores all of the Council's cuts in payments on the basis of current and expected implementation patterns;***

Amendment

16. ***Notes*** the Commission's proposal to make full use of resources available under the 2015 payment ceiling thereby leaving no margin under the 2015 payment ceiling;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Bernd Kölmel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Highlights however, that even the full use of the payment ceiling is not sufficient

Amendment

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to adequately address the Union's ongoing payment problems that have erupted since the 2010 Union budget; ***hence, decides to go beyond the Commission's proposals in payments for a number of budget lines, where the situation in payments is the most critical;***

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Or. en

Amendment 41

José Manuel Fernandes

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Highlights however, that even the full use of the payment ceiling is not sufficient to adequately address the ***Union's*** ongoing payment problems that have erupted since the 2010 Union budget; hence, decides to go beyond the Commission's proposals in payments for a number of budget lines, where the situation in payments is ***the most*** critical;

Amendment

17. Highlights however, that even the full use of the **2015** payment ceiling is not sufficient to adequately address the ***Union's*** ongoing payment problems that have erupted since the 2010 Union budget; ***notes, particularly, the huge backlog in payments of the past years leading to the unprecedented level of 23.4 bn EUR at the end of 2013 for cohesion policy alone and fears that it may be of a similar magnitude at the end of 2014; stresses, therefore, that the recurrent problem of shortage of payments needs to be effectively addressed without further delay;*** hence, decides to go beyond the Commission's proposals in payments ***by 4bn EUR*** for a number of budget lines, ***including the main "2007-2013 completion lines" of the EU structural funds and research programmes,*** where the situation in payments is ***very*** critical;

Or. en

Amendment 42

José Manuel Fernandes

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls accordingly on the Commission to stand ready to put forward relevant proposals for the mobilisation of the flexibility mechanisms included in the MFF Regulation;

Amendment

18. Calls accordingly on the Commission to stand ready to put forward relevant proposals for the mobilisation of the flexibility mechanisms included in the MFF Regulation; ***reiterates its intention not to accept any restricted interpretations of the provisions on flexibility and special instruments included in the new MFF Regulation and IIA, which were successfully negotiated by the European Parliament;***

Or. en

Amendment 43

Gérard Deprez

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Stresses the fact that, in order to clearly identify the 2015 needs stemming from previous years, the negotiations on the additional 2014 payment needs should be finalised before the conciliation on 2015 Budget; reiterates that DABs 2, 3 and 4/2014 should be considered as a package and that the Council cannot expect to benefit from the unexpected revenue resulting from the budgetisation of the surplus and fines without delivering on the additional payment needs presented in DAB 3/2014;

Amendment

21. Stresses the fact that, in order to clearly identify the 2015 needs stemming from previous years, the negotiations on the additional 2014 payment needs should be finalised before the conciliation on 2015 Budget; reiterates that DABs 2, 3 and 4/2014 should be considered as a package and that the Council cannot expect to benefit from the unexpected revenue resulting from the budgetisation of the surplus and fines without delivering on the additional payment needs presented in DAB 3/2014; ***recalls that DABs 2, 3 and 4, taken altogether and unamended, represent an overall budgetary impact of***

only EUR 106 Mln additional GNI contributions that have to be made available by the Member States in order to secure enough payment appropriations in 2014 to cover the Union's existing legal obligations;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Nils Torvalds, Gérard Deprez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Stresses that in order to ensure adequate resources for the Union wide investment plans (agreed by the June 2014 European Council following President-elect Juncker's political guidelines⁹), continuation of the Youth Employment Initiative, notably the European Youth Guarantee as of budget 2016, and in order to address the persistent problem of payment appropriations, the post electoral *review*/revision of the MFF 2014-2020, as provided for in Article 2 of the MFF Regulation, should be launched as soon as possible by the new Commission, due to enter into office on 1st November 2014;

⁹ http://ec.europa.eu/about/juncker-commission/docs/pg_en.pdf

Amendment

23. Stresses that in order to ensure adequate resources for the Union wide investment plans (agreed by the June 2014 European Council following President-elect Juncker's political guidelines⁹), continuation of the Youth Employment Initiative, notably the European Youth Guarantee as of budget 2016, and in order to address the persistent problem of payment appropriations, the post electoral revision of the MFF 2014-2020, as provided for in Article 2 of the MFF Regulation, should be launched as soon as possible by the new Commission, due to enter into office on 1st November 2014;

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Or. en

Amendment 45
Isabelle Thomas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Stresses that in order to ensure adequate resources for the Union wide investment plans (***agreed by*** the June 2014 European Council ***following*** President-elect Juncker's political guidelines⁹), continuation of the Youth Employment Initiative, notably the European Youth Guarantee as of budget 2016, and in order to address the persistent problem of payment appropriations, the post electoral review/revision of the MFF 2014-2020, as provided for in Article 2 of the MFF Regulation, should be launched as soon as possible by the new Commission, due to enter into office on 1st November 2014;

⁹ http://ec.europa.eu/about/juncker-commission/docs/pg_en.pdf

Amendment

23. Stresses that in order to ensure adequate resources for the Union wide investment plans (***as mentioned in*** the June 2014 European Council ***and highlighted as a major political priority of*** President-elect Juncker's ***in its*** political guidelines^{9 a}), continuation of the Youth Employment Initiative, notably the European Youth Guarantee as of budget 2016, and in order to address the persistent problem of payment appropriations, the post electoral review/revision of the MFF 2014-2020, as provided for in Article 2 of the MFF Regulation, should be launched as soon as possible by the new Commission, due to enter into office on 1st November 2014;

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^{9 a} http://ec.europa.eu/about/juncker-commission/docs/pg_en.pdf

Or. en

Amendment 46

José Manuel Fernandes

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Stresses that in order to ensure adequate resources for the Union wide investment plans (agreed by the June 2014 European Council following President-elect Juncker's political guidelines⁹), continuation of the Youth Employment Initiative, notably the European Youth Guarantee as of budget 2016, and in order

Amendment

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to address the persistent problem of payment appropriations, the post electoral review/revision of the MFF 2014-2020, as provided for in Article 2 of the MFF Regulation, should be launched *as soon as possible* by the new Commission, *due to enter into office on 1st November 2014*;

⁹ http://ec.europa.eu/about/juncker-commission/docs/pg_en.pdf

to address the persistent problem of payment appropriations, the post electoral review/revision of the MFF 2014-2020, as provided for in Article 2 of the MFF Regulation, should be launched *in due time* by the new Commission;

⁹ http://ec.europa.eu/about/juncker-commission/docs/pg_en.pdf

Or. en

Amendment 47

José Manuel Fernandes

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Notes that Heading 1a bears the largest share of Council's cuts both in commitments (EUR -323,5 million as compared to the DB) and in payments (EUR -1 335 million), despite the fact that the European Council again in June 2014 set growth, competitiveness and the creation of jobs at the top of its political agenda; highlights that some of these cuts *openly contradict* the agreement on the MFF 2014-2020, in so far as they heavily decrease Horizon 2020 (by EUR 190 million in commitments against the DB) as well as the ITER programme (EUR -11,2 million), which should instead be frontloaded in 2015 to compensate its backloading in 2014 *as per the MFF agreement*;

Amendment

24. Notes that Heading 1a bears the largest share of Council's cuts both in commitments (EUR -323,5 million as compared to the DB) and in payments (EUR -1 335 million), despite the fact that the European Council again in June 2014 set growth, competitiveness and the creation of jobs at the top of its political agenda; highlights that some of these cuts *are not in line with* the agreement on the MFF 2014-2020, in so far as they heavily decrease Horizon 2020 (by EUR 190 million in commitments against the DB) *that was significantly frontloaded by 200m EUR in 2014*, as well as the ITER programme (EUR -11,2 million), which should instead be frontloaded in 2015 to compensate its backloading in 2014;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 a. Believes that to further energy security, promoting renewable energy and energy efficiency is essential also in the context of Russian energy dependency, especially in the Member States most dependent on Russian gas; calls for aligning spending objectives of energy funds under Horizon 2020 to the commitments made during the legislative process; expects accordingly the Commission to allocate 15% of the energy research budget to finance activities for market uptake of existing renewables and energy efficiency solutions through an Intelligent Energy Europe Programme III;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Nils Torvalds, Gérard Deprez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. Contests the cuts applied by the Council to the Connecting Europe Facility programme (EUR -34,4 million), which come on top of the backloading of this programme for 2015 already taken into account in the DB following the MFF agreement; is concerned about the risks of an ineffective start to this strategic programme, which is of topical importance for the future transport and energy infrastructure investments in Europe;

25. Contests the cuts applied by the Council to the Connecting Europe Facility programme (EUR -34,4 million), which come on top of the backloading of this programme for 2015 already taken into account in the DB following the MFF agreement; is concerned about the risks of an ineffective start to this strategic programme, which is of topical importance for the future **telecommunication**, transport and energy infrastructure investments in

Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Siegfried Mureşan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Contests the cuts applied by the Council to the Connecting Europe Facility programme (EUR -34,4 million), which come on top of the backloading of this programme for 2015 already taken into account in the DB following the MFF agreement; is concerned about the risks of an ineffective start to this strategic programme, which is of topical importance for the future transport and energy infrastructure investments in Europe;

Amendment

25. Contests the cuts applied by the Council to the Connecting Europe Facility programme (EUR -34,4 million), which come on top of the backloading of this programme for 2015 already taken into account in the DB following the MFF agreement; is concerned about the risks of an ineffective start to this strategic programme, which is of topical importance for the future transport and energy infrastructure investments *that can further boost job creation* in Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 51
José Manuel Fernandes
on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Decides, therefore, as a general line to restore the level of the Draft Budget for 2015 for all cuts performed by the Council, both in commitments and in payments; furthermore increases a selected number of lines within the programmes which correspond to the Parliament's priorities under Heading 1a by exhausting the

Amendment

26. Decides, therefore, as a general line to restore the level of the Draft Budget for 2015 for all cuts performed by the Council, both in commitments and in payments; furthermore increases a selected number of lines within the programmes which correspond to the Parliament's priorities under Heading 1a (*Horizon 2020*,

margin;

COSME, Erasmus +, Digital agenda. Social agenda) by exhausting the margin (total increases above DB of some 200m EUR);

Or. en

Amendment 52
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Underlines that appropriations for the experimental fusion plant ITER amount to another 838 million € (CA) in the 2015 budget; highlights the extremely low-cost effectiveness of this project which does not foresee tangible results before 2050;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27 a. Underlines the huge discrepancy between funding for nuclear activities in the EU budget and support for future-oriented renewable energy; believes therefore that abandoning the ITER project would free up much needed resources, which could be used for investing into already working renewable energy technologies;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Nils Torvalds, Gérard Deprez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27 a. Is of the view that boosting the financial support to SMEs is essential to enable the EU economy to renew with growth and exit the crisis, therefore contributing to the fight against unemployment; decides, accordingly, to increase above DB by 26,5 Mln EUR the commitment appropriations in favour of SMEs and entrepreneurship;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27 b. Believes that the Euratom budget line on Nuclear fission and radiation protection should be reoriented towards the decommissioning of nuclear power plants; in the same vein, the appropriations for nuclear activities of the Joint Research Centre should be used only for activities necessary for implementing safeguards;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27 c. Believes that the role of SME innovation for EU competitiveness is often emphasised but support underfinanced; invites therefore the Commission to dedicate sufficient resources, notably for the implementation of actions foreseen under its Green Action Plan for SMEs; regrets that the dedicated SME instrument foreseen in the Horizon 2020 regulation remains underfinanced; requests the Commission to establish as of 2016, a unique budget line for the SME Instrument, in order to allow clearer budgetary oversight and control, and ensure a genuine bottom-up approach to its implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Paul Tang

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28 a. Is concerned by increasing cases in which the effects of the payment shortage under 1a have become apparent, especially under Horizon 2020, where pre-financing is reduced and a considerable numbers of projects is blocked and a disruption of payments in the Erasmus+ program is looming; is alarmed by the numerous headings that were at or nearby the ceiling for payment appropriations for 2014 months before the deadline for submitting the bills expired;

Amendment 58
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Underlines that Heading 1b bears the biggest part of the current outstanding commitments which is impeding reimbursement for resources already spent by the beneficiary Member States and regions; highlights that this practice caused serious consequences for Member States and regions mostly affected by crisis;

Amendment

30. Underlines that Heading 1b bears the biggest part of the current outstanding commitments which is impeding reimbursement for resources already spent by the beneficiary Member States and regions; highlights that this practice caused serious consequences for Member States and regions mostly affected by crisis; ***deplores that the Council seems to completely ignore this issue;***

Amendment 59
Siegfried Mureşan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Underlines that Heading 1b bears the biggest part of the current outstanding commitments which is impeding reimbursement for resources already spent by the beneficiary Member States and regions; highlights that this practice caused serious consequences for Member States and regions mostly affected by crisis;

Amendment

30. Underlines that Heading 1b bears the biggest part of the current outstanding commitments which is impeding reimbursement for resources already spent by the beneficiary Member States and regions; highlights that this practice caused serious consequences for Member States and regions mostly affected by crisis; ***stresses that in a period when most Member States face challenges in identifying financing sources for projects that can lead to job creation, the EU regional policy is an essential tool to***

overcome these shortages;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Calls on the Commission to finance the second instalment of EUR 100 million for Cyprus fully by the mobilisation of the Flexibility instrument, hence ensuring the amount of EUR 20,2 million for other priorities, notably for the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) and PP/PAs;

Amendment

32. 32. Decides to go above the level of the Draft Budget for an amount of EUR 20,2 million for the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) and PP/Pas; intends to amend the Commission proposal for the mobilisation of the flexibility instrument to complement the financing of the Cypriot Structural Funds programmes under heading 1b up to the full amount of EUR 100 million, after the conclusion of negotiations with the Council;

Or. en

Amendment 61
José Manuel Fernandes
on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Calls on the Commission to finance the second instalment of EUR 100 million for Cyprus fully by the mobilisation of the Flexibility instrument, hence ensuring the amount of EUR 20,2 million for other priorities, notably for the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) and PP/PAs;

Amendment

32. Considers that the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument for Heading 1b, as proposed by the Commission, should be used to finance fully the second instalment of EUR 100 million for Cyprus; decides, also, to use the existing margin of EUR 20,2 million in order to reinforce the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived

(FEAD) and PP/PAs;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33. Reinforces FEAD, by an additional amount of EUR 16,7 million and decides to secure EUR 3,5 million for PP/PAs;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 63
José Manuel Fernandes
on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33. Reinforces FEAD, by an additional amount of EUR 16,7 million and decides to secure EUR 3,5 million for PP/PAs;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 64
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33 a. Welcomes the Commission's

ambition to play a stronger role in the preparation and implementation of programmes under the European Structural and Investment Funds; demands in particular that the requirements for the involvement of local and regional actors as well as civil society organisations are met to increase ownership of the policy and reach Union targets in the field of climate change and poverty reduction; calls on the Member States to take full advantage of available instruments and methodologies such as climate change tracking to increase the visibility of their efforts;

Or. en

Amendment 65

José Manuel Fernandes

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. Welcomes the increase proposed by the Commission in commitment appropriations for the new LIFE programme for the Environment and Climate Action and expects this programme to be fully in place in 2015, including a first set of financial instruments; deplores, however, that smaller programmes such as the LIFE programme as well as the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) bear the most significant cuts by the Council under this heading, both in commitments and payments, thereby affecting the achievement of their agreed objectives; also regrets *inappropriate* Council's cuts to the school fruit and school milk schemes; restores, therefore, the DB on all lines cut by the Council;

Amendment

34. Welcomes the increase proposed by the Commission in commitment appropriations for the new LIFE programme for the Environment and Climate Action and expects this programme to be fully in place in 2015, including a first set of financial instruments; deplores, however, that smaller programmes such as the LIFE programme as well as the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) bear the most significant cuts by the Council under this heading, both in commitments and payments, thereby affecting the achievement of their agreed objectives; also regrets *the unjustified* Council's cuts to the school fruit and school milk schemes; restores, therefore, the DB on all lines cut by the Council;

Amendment 66
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. Agrees that additional support is needed to alleviate the impact of the Russian ban on the import of certain Union agricultural and fisheries products; welcomes the emergency support measures taken by the European Commission as a first response to this crisis; increases, therefore, the Union co-financing for promotion measures in the Common Agricultural Policy by 30 million in order to help producers find alternative sales opportunities, while providing EUR 5 million additional support to fishermen via the EMFF; also decides to increase the amount available for the school fruits scheme by EUR 7 million and school milk scheme by EUR 4 million above the draft budget of the Commission;

Amendment

35. Agrees that additional support is needed to alleviate the impact of the Russian ban on the import of certain Union agricultural and fisheries products; welcomes the emergency support measures taken by the European Commission as a first response to this crisis; increases, therefore, the Union co-financing for promotion measures in the Common Agricultural Policy by 30 million in order to help producers find alternative sales opportunities, while providing EUR 5 million additional support to fishermen via the EMFF; ***believes that this additional funding should not lead to increased EU exports to developing countries at prices undermining markets there;*** also decides to increase the amount available for the school fruits scheme by EUR 7 million and school milk scheme by EUR 4 million above the draft budget of the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Calls on the Commission to monitor climate-related expenditure and to take

immediate corrective action in case achieving the 20% target and maintaining the effectiveness of the spending programmes are at risk;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35 a. Increases the appropriations foreseen for rural development by reducing direct payments, in order to compensate partially the cuts made by the new MFF;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35 b. Calls on Member States to ensure a fair distribution of funds by increasing support for sustainable farming systems, which preserve biodiversity, protect water resources and soil fertility, respect animal welfare and employment;

Or. en

Amendment 70
Indrek Tarand

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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35 c. Considers export refunds to be trade distorting and in contradiction to the EU development goals; supports therefore their complete elimination;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35 d. Believes that CAP appropriations or any other appropriations from the budget should not be used for financing lethal bull fighting activities; recalls that such funding is a clear violation of the European Convention for the protection of animals kept for farming purposes (Council Directive 98/58/EC);

Or. en

Amendment 72
Pina Picierno

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37. Underlines that, while representing only 1,5% of the Union budget and thereby being the smallest heading of the MFF in terms of financial allocation, Heading 3

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covers issues of key concern to the European citizens;

covers issues of key concern to the European citizens *as well as to the national governments, such as asylum and migration policies and internal security; calls therefore the Commission and the Council to keep increasing financial and political efforts in this heading in the coming years;*

Or. en

Amendment 73

José Manuel Fernandes

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

39. Believes that the additional cuts proposed by the Council will jeopardise a proper implementation of programmes and actions in Heading 3; takes therefore the general approach to restore the DB on all lines under this heading; takes the decision, furthermore, to increase a selected number of lines above the DB mainly within the programmes Creative Europe, Europe for Citizens *and* Multimedia Actions (for a total of EUR 53,2 million in commitment appropriations above DB including agencies and pilot projects and preparatory actions);

Amendment

39. Believes that the additional cuts proposed by the Council will jeopardise a proper implementation of programmes and actions in Heading 3; takes therefore the general approach to restore the DB on all lines under this heading; takes the decision, furthermore, to increase a selected number of lines above the DB mainly within the programmes Creative Europe, Europe for Citizens, Multimedia Actions, *as well as Common Asylum System* (for a total of EUR 53,2 million in commitment appropriations above DB including agencies and pilot projects and preparatory actions);

Or. en

Amendment 74

Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 40

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

40. Recalls that a fair and transparent distribution of funding between the different objectives of the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund was a priority for the Parliament during negotiations leading to the adoption of that fund; calls accordingly on the Commission to increase the number of budget lines under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund to facilitate better readability and transparency in respect of how the financial resources allocated to the different objectives, and thus to those budgetary lines, will be spent;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 75

José Manuel Fernandes

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 40 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

40 a. (new) Agrees that additional support is needed for European Citizens Initiatives; decides therefore to create a new line in heading 3 : "Implementation of European Citizens Initiatives and other instruments of participatory democracy" with 1 million in commitment appropriations;

Or. en

Amendment 76

Paul Tang

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42

Motion for a resolution

42. Strongly condemns the Council's cut to commitment appropriations for humanitarian aid which cannot resolve the problem of carrying over backlogs of unpaid invoices from previous years and is jeopardising the smooth implementation of this policy, putting the lives of its beneficiaries in threat; stresses that the level of payment appropriations for the Emergency Aid Reserve should correspond to the level of commitment appropriations and must be entered in the budget over and above the MFF payment ceiling ;stresses the gap between commitment and payment appropriations in Humanitarian aid should be reduced in order to take account of the short spending cycles in this area and to break the habit of carrying over backlogs of unpaid invoices from previous years;

Amendment

42. Strongly condemns the Council's cut to commitment appropriations for humanitarian aid which cannot resolve the problem of carrying over backlogs of unpaid invoices from previous years and is jeopardising the smooth implementation of this policy, putting the lives of its beneficiaries in threat; stresses that the level of payment appropriations for the Emergency Aid Reserve should correspond to the level of commitment appropriations and must be entered in the budget over and above the MFF payment ceiling ;stresses the gap between commitment and payment appropriations in Humanitarian aid should be reduced in order to take account of the short spending cycles in this area and to break the habit of carrying over backlogs of unpaid invoices from previous years; ***strongly rejects the adverse effects that payment cutbacks pose for humanitarian aid, including postponed payment and delayed operations, that are a consequence of inadequate budgeting, and that are especially ill-fated when so many people are affected by increasing instability in the periphery; thinks these event serve as a sad but strong alarm signal for the necessity of a more realistic way of budgeting;***

Or. en

Amendment 77
José Manuel Fernandes
on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43

Motion for a resolution

43. Recalls the international commitment made by the Union and its Member States to increase their official development assistance (ODA) spending to 0,7 % of GNI and to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015 and therefore calls for an increase in the appropriations for thematic areas covered by the Development Cooperation Instrument, in view of getting closer to the attainment of the *Millennium Development Goals*;

Amendment

43. Recalls the international commitment made by the Union and its Member States to increase their official development assistance (ODA) spending to 0,7 % of GNI and to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015 and therefore calls for an increase in the appropriations for thematic areas covered by the Development Cooperation Instrument, in view of getting closer to the attainment of the *Post-2015 Global development commitments*;

Or. en

Amendment 78

José Manuel Fernandes

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. Considers the Council's cuts to the priority lines of the Parliament unacceptable and proposes to restore the DB on the lines decreased by the Council and to even exceed the DB in commitment appropriations for some lines of strategic importance for the Union's external relations by a total of EUR 400,55 million (Humanitarian Aid, European Neighbourhood Instrument, Development Cooperation Instrument, Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance, European Instrument for Human Rights and Democracy Instrument for Stability and PP/PAs);

Amendment

46. Considers the Council's cuts to the priority lines of the Parliament unacceptable and proposes to restore the DB on the lines decreased by the Council and to even exceed the DB in commitment appropriations for some lines of strategic importance for the Union's external relations by a total of EUR 400,55 million (Humanitarian Aid, European Neighbourhood Instrument, Development Cooperation Instrument, Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance, European Instrument for Human Rights and Democracy Instrument for Stability and PP/PAs); *notes that these increases exhaust the Heading 4 margin, as well as an additional 66m EUR that results from decreased appropriations from lines moved to EEAS budget*;

Amendment 79
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

46 a. Believes that the lack of public trust in the TTIP negotiations does not depend on the amount of information made available by the Commission but on the fact that the Commission withholds the basic negotiation documents whose publication on the web would not make additional costs, while it would increase public trust in the process much more; considers therefore the creation of a new budget line worth 4 mio € as superfluous;

Or. en

Amendment 80
José Manuel Fernandes
on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

46 a. (new). Deems it necessary to increase appropriations for the Turkish Cypriot line, in order to ensure the continuation of the EU financial support to the work of the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus and of the Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage;

Or. en

Amendment 81

José Manuel Fernandes

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 46 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

46 b. (new). Approves the transfer of the budget lines for the 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 recommendations of 13 June 2013 and the Court of Auditors' special report n° 11/2014; expects that the transfer will be completed by 1 January 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 82

Marco Zanni, Marco Valli, Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 48

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

48. Notes ***with regret that, despite this***, the Council has decreased the appropriations in Heading 5 by EUR 27,6 million, of which EUR 16,7 million is from the Commission's administrative budget for expenditure related to officials and temporary staff, as a consequence of increasing the standard flat rate abatement;

48. Notes ***that*** the Council has decreased the appropriations in Heading 5 by EUR 27,6 million, of which EUR 16,7 million is from the Commission's administrative budget for expenditure related to officials and temporary staff, as a consequence of increasing the standard flat rate abatement;

Or. en

Amendment 83

Marco Zanni, Marco Valli, Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 50

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

50. Notes moreover the Council's statement annexed to its position, concerning «the importance of monitoring closely the appropriations for all categories of external staff, against the backdrop of the additional capacity built up by the increase of working time», and the parallel cuts brought to support expenditure in various policy areas, amounting to EUR 20,8 million; besides the already mentioned threats posed by this type of cuts considers them to be ill justified; recalls that according to the IIA of 2 December 2013, that supposed additional capacity was to be already neutralised by rendering 5 % of the official staff over five years; notes in this respect that Commission already over complies with its commitments as it is reducing staff of all categories, whether financed from heading 5 or from other headings;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 84
Marco Zanni, Marco Valli, Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 51

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

51. Restores, therefore, the DB on all the lines of the administrative and support expenditure and on all the lines in Heading 5 decreased by the Council;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 85
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 52

Motion for a resolution

52. Decides to hold some appropriations in reserve until the Commission modifies the rules on expert groups and ensures their full implementation within all DGs;

Amendment

52. ***Regrets that Commission expert groups continue to be excessively dominated by corporate interests;*** decides ***therefore*** to hold some appropriations in reserve until the Commission modifies the rules on expert groups and ensures their full implementation within all DGs;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Marco Zanni, Marco Valli, Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 53

Motion for a resolution

53. ***Endorses***, as a general rule, the Commission's estimates of the budgetary needs of agencies; notes that the Commission had already ***considerably*** reduced the initial requests of most agencies;

Amendment

53. ***Takes note***, as a general rule, the Commission's estimates of the budgetary needs of agencies; notes that the Commission had already reduced the initial requests of most agencies;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Marco Zanni, Marco Valli, Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 54

Motion for a resolution

54. ***Considers, therefore, that any further***

Amendment

deleted

cuts proposed by the Council would endanger the proper functioning of the agencies and would not allow them to fulfil the tasks they have been assigned by the legislative authority;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Marco Zanni, Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 55

Motion for a resolution

55. *Cannot accept, however,* the Commission's approach to staff, according to which the establishment plans of the agencies are not only to be reduced by 1 % on the basis of the political agreement on the MFF, which applies to all institutions and bodies, but are also to contribute another 1 % to a «redeployment pool»;

Amendment

55. *Supports* the Commission's approach to staff, according to which the establishment plans of the agencies are not only to be reduced by 1 % on the basis of the political agreement on the MFF, which applies to all institutions and bodies, but are also to contribute another 1 % to a «redeployment pool»;

Or. en

Amendment 89
Marco Zanni, Marco Valli, Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 56

Motion for a resolution

56. *Emphasises the fact that the staff reduction agreed upon shall be based on the existing staff and tasks as on the reference date of 31 December 2012 and that any new tasks of existing agencies or the set-up of new agencies have to be accompanied by additional resources;*

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 90
Nils Torvalds, Gérard Deprez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 59

Motion for a resolution

59. Decides to increase the **2014** budget appropriations for the three financial supervisory agencies; believes that those appropriations should reflect the needs to fulfil the required tasks, as more regulations, decisions and directives have been and are being adopted to overcome the current financial and economic crisis which is strongly linked to the stability of the financial sector;

Amendment

59. Decides to increase the **2015** budget appropriations for the three financial supervisory agencies; believes that those appropriations should reflect the needs to fulfil the required tasks, as more regulations, decisions and directives have been and are being adopted to overcome the current financial and economic crisis which is strongly linked to the stability of the financial sector;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Kaja Kallas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67

Motion for a resolution

67. Commends all other institutions on the savings and efficiency gains which they have already incorporated into their draft budgets; underlines that an accurate, efficient and accountable use of Union resources is one of the essential means of reinforcing the trust of the Union citizen **and** welcomes the efforts made by the institutions to continue to promote transparency, administrative efficiency, good financial management and prioritisation;

Amendment

67. Commends all other institutions on the savings and efficiency gains which they have already incorporated into their draft budgets; underlines that an accurate, efficient, **transparent** and accountable use of Union resources is one of the essential means of reinforcing the trust of the Union citizen ; welcomes the efforts made by the institutions to continue to promote transparency, administrative efficiency, good financial management and prioritisation ; **Considers that high transparency requirements should be applied equally in all EU institutions;**

Amendment 92
Marco Zanni, Marco Valli, Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 69

Motion for a resolution

69. **Recalls** that the Parliament's estimates for 2015 were set at EUR 1 794 929 112, corresponding to an overall rate of increase of 2,24 % over 2014; stresses, **however**, that 0,67 % of this increase is linked to the legally binding exceptional transitional allowance for the end of the Members' mandate **and 0,4 % to the agreement on the adjustment of the remunerations and pensions for 2011-2012; underlines that the level of other expenditure therefore increased by only 1,18 % over 2014;**

Amendment

69. **Notes with regret** that the Parliament's estimates for 2015 were set at EUR 1 794 929 112, corresponding to an overall rate of increase of 2,24 % over 2014; stresses that **only** 0,67 % of this increase is linked to the legally binding exceptional transitional allowance for the end of the Members' mandate;

Amendment 93
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 69 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

69 a. Stresses that Parliament had aimed for an increase of its budget corresponding to the rate of inflation; underlines that an increase of 2.2.4 % is far higher than the current rate of inflation; believes furthermore that such an increase of an already impressive budget is difficult to justify in the current times;

Amendment

Amendment 94
Pina Picierno

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 69 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

69 b. stresses that the European Parliament and the Council, in order to create long term savings in the EU budget, must address the need for a roadmap to a single seat, as stated in several of this Parliament's previous resolutions;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 70 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

70 a. Reduces the establishment plan of the European Parliament in order to comply with the staff reduction agreed in the framework of the Staff Regulations Reform;

Or. en

Amendment 96
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 71

Motion for a resolution

71. Notes that political groups have frozen their staff resources since 2012 and that their needs were only partially covered in the preceding budgetary years; insists that the total level of staff in political groups in 2015 should **not** be lower than the current level; stresses that the activities of the political groups do not correspond to the administrative work; **reduces the establishment plan of its secretariat general by 47 posts for 2015; underlines that when this decrease is added to the decrease of 67 posts in 2014, this would correspond to the -2 % target over 2 years;**

Amendment

71. Notes that political groups have frozen their staff resources since 2012 and that their needs were only partially covered in the preceding budgetary years; insists that the total level of staff in political groups in 2015 **and the following years** should **under no circumstances** be lower than the current level; stresses that the activities of the political groups do not correspond to the administrative work;

Or. en

Amendment 97

Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 71

Motion for a resolution

71. Notes that political groups have frozen their staff resources since 2012 and that their needs were only partially covered in the preceding budgetary years; insists that the total level of staff in political groups in 2015 should **not** be lower than the current level; **stresses that the activities of the political groups do not correspond to the administrative work; reduces the establishment plan of its secretariat general by 47 posts for 2015; underlines that when this decrease is added to the decrease of 67 posts in 2014, this would correspond to the -2 % target over 2 years;**

Amendment

71. Notes that political groups have frozen their staff resources since 2012 and that their needs were only partially covered in the preceding budgetary years; insists that the total level of staff in political groups in 2015 **and the following years** should **under no circumstances** be lower than the current level; **recalls that such a decision has already been taken by the European Parliament in the previous legislature^{1 a}; stresses that the activities of the political groups do not correspond to the administrative work;**

^{1 a} **European Parliament resolution of 23**

Amendment 98

Marco Zanni, Marco Valli, Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 73

Motion for a resolution

73. **Decides** to increase the appropriations for funding of the European political foundations by EUR 3 million, **stresses that this increase will be budgetary neutral as it will be offset from the contingency reserve; sets therefore the overall level of its budget for 2015 at EUR 1 794 929 112; points out that this will correspond to a 0 % increase over the level of its estimates, adopted in the Plenary Session of 17 April 2014;**

Amendment

73. **Cannot accept** to increase the appropriations for funding of the European political foundations by EUR 3 million;

Amendment 99

Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 73

Motion for a resolution

73. Decides to increase the appropriations for funding of the European political foundations by EUR 3 million, stresses that this increase will be budgetary neutral as it will be offset from the contingency reserve; sets therefore the overall level of its budget for 2015 at EUR 1 794 929 112; points out that this will correspond to a 0 % increase over the level of its estimates, adopted in the Plenary Session of 17 April

Amendment

73. Decides to increase the appropriations for funding of the European political foundations by EUR 3 million **to ensure that political foundations, who support political groups with professional political support, can fully execute their activities as well as to intensify their research and advocacy activities in order to communicate and put forward ideas to advance the process of European**

2014;

integration; stresses that this increase will be budgetary neutral as it will be offset from the contingency reserve; sets therefore the overall level of its budget for 2015 at EUR 1 794 929 112; points out that this will correspond to a 0 % increase over the level of its estimates, adopted in the Plenary Session of 17 April 2014;

Or. en

Amendment 100

Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 73 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

73 a. Believes that in the medium term the Members' statute, which generates important costs due to the change of legislature, should be opened for revision in order to limit some of these costs;

Or. en

Amendment 101

Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 73 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

73 b. Requests an assessment on the results of the voluntary approach chosen by the Joint Working Group to limit business class flights by EP Members and staff;

Or. en

Amendment 102
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 73 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

73 c. Welcomes the Secretary General's recognition that costs could be reduced for running Parliament's car park; hopes that this will materialise in next year's EP budget proposal;

Or. en

Amendment 103
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Subheading

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Section II – Council

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 104
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 74

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

74. Recalls the Gentlemen's Agreement between Council and European Parliament stipulating that both Institutions shall respect each other's Budget without amending it; criticises therefore that the Commission has amended the Council's estimates; and maintains the Council's position on lines:

deleted

2200 and 2202, thus honouring the Agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 105
Kaja Kallas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 74

Motion for a resolution

74. Recalls the Gentlemen's Agreement between Council and European Parliament stipulating that both Institutions shall respect each other's Budget without amending it; *criticises therefore that the Commission has amended the Council's estimates; and maintains the Council's position on lines: 2200 and 2202, thus honouring the Agreement;*

Amendment

74. Recalls the Gentlemen's Agreement between Council and European Parliament stipulating that both Institutions shall respect each other's Budget without amending it;

Or. en

Amendment 106
Marco Zanni, Marco Valli, Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 74

Motion for a resolution

74. **Recalls** the Gentlemen's Agreement between Council and European Parliament stipulating that both Institutions shall respect each other's Budget without amending it; *criticises therefore* that the Commission has amended the Council's estimates; and maintains the Council's position on lines: 2200 and 2202, thus honouring the Agreement;

Amendment

74. **Regrets** the Gentlemen's Agreement between Council and European Parliament stipulating that both Institutions shall respect each other's Budget without amending it; **takes note** that the Commission has amended the Council's estimates; and maintains the Council's position on lines: 2200 and 2202, thus honouring the Agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 107
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 76

Motion for a resolution

76. Approves the creation of 12 new posts, as initially requested by the Court of Justice; increases accordingly the budget lines *relating to the staff remuneration and allowances (by EUR 511 000), the entitlements relating to entering the service, transfer and leaving the service (by EUR 126 000)*, and adjusts the establishment plan of the Court of Justice plan as presented in its budget estimates;

Amendment

76. Approves the creation of 12 new posts, as initially requested by the Court of Justice; increases accordingly the *related* budget lines and adjusts the establishment plan of the Court of Justice plan as presented in its budget estimates;

Or. en

Amendment 108
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 77

Motion for a resolution

77. Readjusts the standard abatement rate to its initial level of 3 %, *reinstating the appropriations of EUR 2 167 million*, in order to ensure that the Court of Justice can deal adequately with the ever-increasing workload and allow the full use of its establishment plan; emphasises that the decrease proposed by the Council is fully in contradiction with the 98 % staff occupancy (98% - the highest possible figure if one considers the unavoidable effect of staff movement during the year) and with an outturn rate for remunerations of close to 99% in 2013;

Amendment

77. Readjusts the standard abatement rate to its initial level of 3 % in order to ensure that the Court of Justice can deal adequately with the ever-increasing workload and allow the full use of its establishment plan; emphasises that the decrease proposed by the Council is fully in contradiction with the 98 % staff occupancy (98% - the highest possible figure if one considers the unavoidable effect of staff movement during the year) and with an outturn rate for remunerations of close to 99% in 2013;

Amendment 109
Kaja Kallas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 79

Motion for a resolution

79. Stresses that, despite the substantial productivity initiatives taken so far, the number of pending cases continues to grow (+25 % in 2013, +6 % to the end of June 2014), while a risk of claims in respect of failure to deliver judgment within a reasonable time (in particular in cases filed in the General Court, where the level of caseload is now hardly bearable) has now materialised, with a first complaint filed on that ground in June 2014, with possible serious liabilities for the Union;

Amendment

79. Stresses that, despite the substantial productivity initiatives taken so far, the number of pending cases, ***in particular related to competition***, continues to grow (+25 % in 2013, +6 % to the end of June 2014), while a risk of claims in respect of failure to deliver judgment within a reasonable time (in particular in cases filed in the General Court, where the level of caseload is now hardly bearable) has now materialised, with a first complaint filed on that ground in June 2014, with possible serious liabilities for the Union;
Underlines that delays in delivering judgements as well as failures to deliver judgement within a reasonable time greatly undermine the functioning of the internal market;

Amendment 110
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 81

Motion for a resolution

81. Readjusts the standard abatement rate to its initial level of 2,1%, ***restoring the appropriations of EUR 878 000 cut by the Council***, in order to allow the Court of Auditors to meet its needs in respect of the

Amendment

81. Readjusts the standard abatement rate to its initial level of 2,1% in order to allow the Court of Auditors to meet its needs in respect of the establishment plan;

establishment plan;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 82

Motion for a resolution

82. Restores the DB for the budget lines related to the remuneration of other staff, *since the increase requested over 2014 reflects the expected advancement in step of existing staff (item 1400: + EUR 125 000), and to the in-service training and staff exchanges (item 1404: + EUR 125 000), which is intended to cover expenditure relating to the secondment or temporary assignment to the Court of Auditors of officials from the Member States or from other States, and other experts or expenses relating to short-term expertise;*

Amendment

82. Restores the DB for the budget lines related to the remuneration of other staff *in order to ensure that the European Court of Auditors can fulfil its legal obligations towards its staff;*

Or. en

Amendment 112
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 84

Motion for a resolution

84. Acknowledges that *in 2015* a minimum of 60 posts are expected to be transferred to the Parliament and that this transfer will be implemented in two phases, the first phase from 1 October 2014 and the second phase later in 2015; includes in the budget the adjustments related to the transfer of 42

Amendment

84. Acknowledges that a minimum of 60 posts are expected to be transferred to the Parliament and that this transfer will be implemented in two phases, the first phase from 1 October 2014 and the second phase later in 2015; includes in the budget the adjustments related to the transfer of 42

posts (30 posts from the EESC and 12 from the CoR) corresponding to the implementation of the 1st phase, and places the half of appropriations corresponding to the transfer of the expected additional posts (a minimum 6 from the EESC and a minimum of 12 from the CoR) in the reserve, to be released once the final decision on the remaining transfer is taken; expects that the final transfer will be completed by July 2015;

posts (30 posts from the EESC and 12 from the CoR) corresponding to the implementation of the 1st phase, and places the half of appropriations corresponding to the transfer of the expected additional posts (a minimum 6 from the EESC and a minimum of 12 from the CoR) in the reserve, to be released once the final decision on the remaining transfer is taken; expects that the final transfer will be completed by July 2015;

Or. en

Amendment 113
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 85

Motion for a resolution

85. Welcomes the on-going cooperation between the two Committees in administrative matters and encourages them to further strengthen this cooperation, *as further common goals and savings can be achieved; invites the EESC and the CoR to explore how their structural and organisational reforms could be pursued in a coordinated manner by deepening their bilateral cooperation;*

Amendment

85. Welcomes the on-going cooperation between the two Committees in administrative matters and encourages them to further strengthen this cooperation, *in full respect of their respective political identity, and to further adapt this cooperation to the evolving inter-institutional challenges with the ultimate goal of achieving further savings;*

Or. en

Amendment 114
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86

Motion for a resolution

86. Readjusts the standard abatement rate

Amendment

86. Readjusts the standard abatement rate

at its initial level of 4,5%, *restoring the appropriations of EUR 503 450 cut by the Council, in order* to allow the European Economic and Social Committee to cope with the continued reduction of staff;

at its initial level of 4,5% to allow the European Economic and Social Committee to cope with the continued reduction of staff;

Or. en

Amendment 115

Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 88

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

88. Strongly disagrees with the Commission's cuts of the expenditure directly linked to the political activities of the CoR¹⁰, notably those related to Members' travel and subsistence allowances, attendance at the meetings and associated expenditure or to the information and communication activities; increases, in the light of the start of the new CoR mandate, the concerned budget lines by EUR 332 523 (item 1004) and by EUR 81 000 (item 264);

deleted

¹⁰ *Due to the fact that the CoR Members are not receiving salaries at Union level, for their political activities in CoR the CoR budget reflects only the reimbursement of their travel and subsistence allowances as well as attendance allowances when participating in meetings.*

Or. en

Amendment 116

Marco Zanni, Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 88

Motion for a resolution

88. **Strongly disagrees with** the Commission's cuts of the expenditure directly linked to the political activities of the CoR¹⁰, notably those related to Members' travel and subsistence allowances, attendance at the meetings and associated expenditure or to the information and communication activities; increases, in the light of the start of the new CoR mandate, the concerned budget lines by EUR 332 523 (item 1004) and by EUR 81 000 (item 264);

¹⁰ Due to the fact that the CoR Members are not receiving salaries at Union level, for their political activities in CoR the CoR budget reflects only the reimbursement of their travel and subsistence allowances as well as attendance allowances when participating in meetings.

Amendment

88. **Supports** the Commission's cuts of the expenditure directly linked to the political activities of the CoR¹⁰, notably those related to Members' travel and subsistence allowances, attendance at the meetings and associated expenditure or to the information and communication activities; increases, in the light of the start of the new CoR mandate, the concerned budget lines by EUR 332 523 (item 1004) and by EUR 81 000 (item 264);

¹⁰ Due to the fact that the CoR Members are not receiving salaries at Union level, for their political activities in CoR the CoR budget reflects only the reimbursement of their travel and subsistence allowances as well as attendance allowances when participating in meetings.

Or. en

Amendment 117
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 88

Motion for a resolution

88. Strongly disagrees with the Commission's cuts of the expenditure **directly** linked to the political activities of the CoR¹⁰, **notably those related to Members' travel and subsistence allowances, attendance at the meetings** and associated expenditure **or** to the information and communication activities;

Amendment

88. Strongly disagrees with the Commission's cuts of the expenditure linked to the political activities of the CoR and associated expenditure to the information and communication activities; increases, in the light of the start of the new CoR mandate, the concerned budget lines;

increases, in the light of the start of the new CoR mandate, the concerned budget lines *by EUR 332 523 (item 1004) and by EUR 81 000 (item 264)*;

¹⁰ Due to the fact that the CoR Members are not receiving salaries at Union level, for their political activities in CoR the CoR budget reflects only the reimbursement of their travel and subsistence allowances as well as attendance allowances when participating in meetings.

Or. en

Amendment 118
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 91

Motion for a resolution

91. Restores the DB for the budget lines related to the new EDPS mandate (*items: 1010, 1011, 2014*), the creation of the EDPB task-force (*items: 2010, 2012, 2013, 3030, 3031, 3032 and 3034*) and those ensuring the proper functioning of the institution, notably in light of its new 2014-2020 strategy (*items: 1110, 1120, 1122*); underlines that horizontal cuts of expenditure may be extremely detrimental and counterproductive, especially for such a small institution;

Amendment

91. Restores the DB for the budget lines related to the new EDPS mandate, the creation of the EDPB task-force and those ensuring the proper functioning of the institution, notably in light of its new 2014-2020 strategy; underlines that horizontal cuts of expenditure may be extremely detrimental and counterproductive, especially for such a small institution;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -92 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-92 a. Reminds the Council that they agreed to create the EEAS and that it needs sufficient resources to execute their activities; invites the Member States to use synergies of the EEAS and to consider closing national embassies where the EU has a common interest and where European Representations were created;

Or. en

Amendment 120
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 92

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

92. Readjusts the standard abatement rates to their initial level of 5,3% for the EEAS Headquarters (HQ), 2,7% for the delegations and 27% for the military SNEs and restores the appropriations as requested in the draft budget (***+EUR 689 436 for the HQ, +EUR 616 863 for the delegations and +EUR 300 000 for the military SNEs***); stresses that such an increase of the abatement rates will imply a reduction in staff beyond the mandatory 1% cut in the establishment plan and will, respectively, hamper its functioning and impede its development as a new body with growing tasks;

92. Readjusts the standard abatement rates to their initial level of 5,3% for the EEAS Headquarters (HQ), 2,7% for the delegations and 27% for the military SNEs and restores the appropriations as requested in the draft budget; stresses that such an increase of the abatement rates will imply a reduction in staff beyond the mandatory 1% cut in the establishment plan and will, respectively, hamper its functioning and impede its development as a new body with growing tasks;

Or. en

Amendment 121
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 94

Motion for a resolution

94. Urges that the EEAS communications systems **be better** protected against intrusions; **deplores the fact** that the **Council equipped the EEAS with outdated systems for communications** between the EEAS and the Member States on the one hand, and headquarters¹¹ and delegations¹² on the other hand, **which must be replaced by new, safer and modern systems**;

¹¹ **SOLAN: System for communications at the level «EU Secret» with Member States on military and intelligence matters inherited from the Council, which will lose its accreditation in 2015.**

¹² **RUE: System for communication with delegations at the level of «EU Restricted», established by the Commission, which need to be replaced by a safer and user friendly system.**

Amendment

94. Urges that the EEAS communications systems **are** protected against intrusions **and** that the **communication** systems between the EEAS and the Member States on the one hand, and headquarters and delegations on the other hand, **are safe and modern**;

Or. en

Amendment 122
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 95

Motion for a resolution

95. Supports the proposal of the High Representative to include in the EEAS budget the appropriations needed to open a new delegation in the Gulf area, where the Union is under-represented; increases therefore the concerned budget lines, as requested by the EEAS in its estimates, **as follows: item 3001: +EUR 160 000, item**

Amendment

95. Supports the proposal of the High Representative to include in the EEAS budget the appropriations needed to open a new delegation in the Gulf area, where the Union is under-represented; increases therefore the concerned budget lines, as requested by the EEAS in its estimates;

3003: +EUR 1,570 000, item 3004: +EUR 520 000;

Or. en

Amendment 123

Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 96

Motion for a resolution

96. Transfers from Section III to Section X of the budget the appropriation of «common administrative costs» (*building rents and acquisitions, IT, furniture, etc.*) for the Commission staff in delegations *from the Commission's budget to the EEAS, a total appropriation of EUR 71,6 million in commitments and payments that will be consolidated and managed directly by the EEAS*; underlines that this transfer is budgetary neutral and has no other impact on the administrative appropriations of the Commission nor on the working conditions of Commission staff in delegations and will respond to the simplification in the management of the administrative expenditure of the EU delegations requested by the EEAS, the Council and raised in a recent Court of Auditors report; insists that the transfer shall be implemented in good cooperation between the EEAS and Commission; calls on the Council to respect the budgetary neutrality of this agreement;

Amendment

96. Transfers from Section III (*Commission*) to Section X (*EEAS*) of the budget the appropriation of «common administrative costs» for the Commission staff in delegations; underlines that this transfer is budgetary neutral and has no other impact on the administrative appropriations of the Commission nor on the working conditions of Commission staff in delegations and will respond to the simplification in the management of the administrative expenditure of the EU delegations requested by the EEAS, the Council and raised in a recent Court of Auditors report; insists that the transfer shall be implemented in good cooperation between the EEAS and Commission; calls on the Council to respect the budgetary neutrality of this agreement;

Or. en