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Estimates of revenue and expenditure for the financial year 2018 – Section I –
European Parliament
(2017/2022(BUD))

Amendment 1
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Citation 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to its resolution of 14 April 2016 on Parliament's estimates of revenue and expenditure for the financial year 2017^{1a};*

^{1a} *Texts adopted, P8_TA(2016)0132.*

Or. en

Amendment 2
Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. whereas additional extraordinary investments of EUR 47,6 million ***are required*** to reinforce security projects, provide lease payments to the ADENAUER building project and launch the communication campaign in preparation for the 2019 elections;

E. whereas additional extraordinary investments of EUR 47,6 million ***have been proposed by the Secretary-General*** to reinforce security projects, provide lease payments to the ADENAUER building project and launch the communication campaign in preparation for the 2019 elections;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Richard Ashworth

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas almost 68% of the budget is index bound expenditure which relates mainly to remunerations for Members and staff, which is adjusted according to the Staff Regulations ***and contractual obligations, on the basis of*** sector specific indexation ***that is usually higher than the standard*** inflation rate;

Amendment

F. whereas almost 68% of the budget is index bound expenditure which relates mainly to remunerations ***and allowances*** for Members and staff, ***as well as to buildings***, which is adjusted according to the Staff Regulations, ***to*** sector specific indexation ***or to the*** inflation rate;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F a. Whereas the European Parliament report entitled "Women in the European Parliament", issued on 8 March 2017 on the occasion of International Women's Day shows a gender imbalance in managerial posts in the European Parliament, with 83,3 % of Parliament's Deputy Secretary-General and Directors-General positions being held by men and 16,7 % by women, 70,2 % of Parliament's Director positions being held by men and 29,8 % by women, and 65,9 % Parliament's Heads of Unit positions being held by men and 29,8 % by women;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Recital F b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F b. Whereas the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union places an obligation on the Union to respect linguistic diversity and prohibits discrimination on grounds of language, thus giving the right to any Union citizen to use any of the 24 official Union languages when corresponding with Union institutions, which are obliged to reply in the same language;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas the credibility of Parliament as one arm of the budgetary authority depends to a large extent on its ability to ***bring its own*** spending ***under control***;

Amendment

H. whereas the credibility ***and moral integrity*** of Parliament as one arm of the budgetary authority ***admittedly*** depends to a large extent on its ability to ***effectively manage its*** spending ***within budgetary provisions***;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Paul Rübig

Motion for a resolution
Recital H a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

H a. whereas the credibility of the Parliament depends to a large extent on its ability to develop democracy at Union level;

Amendment 8**Marco Valli****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 1***Motion for a resolution*

1. Stresses that the *share of* Parliament's budget in 2018 ***should be maintained under 20% of heading V***; ***notes*** that the level of preliminary draft estimates for 2018 corresponds to 19,06%, which is lower than that achieved in 2017 (19,26%) ***and the lowest part of heading V in the past nine years***; underlines that the forecast level of inflation for 2017 should not be considered as the main benchmark for increases of ordinary expenditure;

Amendment

1. Stresses that the Parliament's budget in 2018 ***must provide for an optimisation of current resources and must also be significantly reduced through as many savings as possible***; ***regrets*** that the level of preliminary draft estimates for 2018 corresponds to 19,06%, which is ***just barely*** lower than that achieved in 2017 (19,26%); underlines that the forecast level of inflation for 2017 should not be considered as the main benchmark for increases of ordinary expenditure; ***asks for substantial weighted cuts, to eliminate money waste and in order to make savings without affecting legislative work***; ***notes that there is still space for savings in order to fully compensate the increase due to legal obligations***;

Or. en

Amendment 9**Marco Zanni, Sophie Montel****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 1***Motion for a resolution*

1. ***Stresses that the share of Parliament's budget in 2018 should be maintained under 20% of heading V***; ***notes that the level of*** preliminary draft estimates for 2018 ***corresponds to 19,06%***,

Amendment

1. ***Regrets that a budget of EUR 1 971 883 373 has been proposed by the Secretary-General for Parliament's*** preliminary draft estimates for 2018, ***representing an overall increase of 3,26 %***

which is lower than that achieved in 2017 (19,26%) and the lowest part of heading V in the past nine years; underlines that the forecast level of inflation for 2017 should not be considered as the main benchmark for increases of ordinary expenditure;

compared to the 2017 budget, which does not properly take into account the fiscal restrictions imposed in several Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 10

Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Vladimír Maňka, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 a. Pursuant to paragraph 15 of its resolution of 14 April 2016 on Parliament's estimates of revenue and expenditure for the financial year 2017 and to paragraph 97 of its report of 13 October 2016 on the Council position on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2017 requiring that the method of establishment of the budget of the Parliament on the basis of the current needs and not on the basis of a system of coefficients is used for the first time during the budgetary procedure for the financial year 2018, calls for the fulfilment of those requests;

Or. en

Amendment 11

Gérard Deprez, Nedzhmi Ali, Louis Michel, Jean Arthuis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Notes that the amount set aside for

2. Notes that the amount set aside for

extraordinary investment and expenditure in 2018 is EUR 47,6 million, the same level as in 2017; considers that the 2019 communication campaign ought to not be considered as extraordinary expenditure;

extraordinary investment and expenditure in 2018 is EUR 47,6 million, the same level as in 2017; ***recalls that the distinction between ordinary and extraordinary expenditure, first introduced in the 2016 budget and included in the consecutive budgets, was made solely in order to respond to the urgent need for implementation measures concerning security of buildings and cybersecurity following the terrorist attacks; considers that the excessive use of that distinction, namely the inclusion of other expenditure in extraordinary expenditure, gives an erroneous indication of the evolution of the budgetary margin and is thus in contradiction with the principle of transparency of Parliament's expenditure;*** considers, ***therefore***, that the 2019 communication campaign ought to not be considered as extraordinary expenditure;

Or. en

Amendment 12

Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that the amount set aside for extraordinary investment and expenditure in 2018 is EUR 47,6 million, the same level as in 2017; considers that the 2019 communication campaign ought to not be considered as extraordinary expenditure;

Amendment

2. Notes that the amount set aside for extraordinary investment and expenditure in 2018 is EUR 47,6 million, the same level as in 2017; considers that the 2019 communication campaign ought to not be considered as extraordinary expenditure ***and should become a permanent feature in the budget of the European Parliament in order to promote legislative work and Members' activities in their constituencies;***

Or. en

Amendment 13
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. *Notes* that the amount set aside for extraordinary investment and expenditure in 2018 is EUR 47,6 million, ***the same level as in 2017***; considers that the 2019 communication campaign ought to not be considered as extraordinary expenditure;

Amendment

2. ***Regrets*** that the amount set aside for extraordinary investment and expenditure in 2018 is EUR 47,6 million ***and that the level of that expenditure has not been reduced compared to 2017***; considers that the 2019 communication campaign ought to not be considered as extraordinary expenditure, ***due to the cyclical nature of elections which occur every five years***;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that the amount set aside for extraordinary investment and expenditure in 2018 is EUR 47,6 million, the same level as in 2017; considers that the 2019 communication campaign ought to not be considered as extraordinary expenditure;

Amendment

2. Notes that the amount set aside for extraordinary investment and expenditure in 2018 is EUR 47,6 million, the same level as in 2017; considers that the 2019 communication campaign ***should be rejected and*** ought to not be considered as extraordinary expenditure;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that the amount set aside for extraordinary investment and expenditure in 2018 is EUR 47,6 million, the same level as in 2017; **considers that** the 2019 communication campaign ought to **not** be considered as extraordinary expenditure;

Amendment

2. Notes that the amount set aside for extraordinary investment and expenditure in 2018 is EUR 47,6 million, ***maintaining*** the same level as in 2017; ***questions whether*** the 2019 communication campaign ought to be considered as extraordinary expenditure;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Marco Zanni, Sophie Montel, Stanisław Żółtek

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. ***Notes*** that the amount set aside for extraordinary investment and expenditure in 2018 is EUR 47,6 million, the same level as in 2017; considers that ***the 2019 communication campaign ought to not be considered as extraordinary expenditure***;

Amendment

2. ***Regrets*** that the amount set aside for extraordinary investment and expenditure in 2018 is EUR 47,6 million, the same level as in 2017; considers that ***extraordinary expenditure should be used only as a last resort for exceptional occurrences***;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Paul Rübig, Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that the amount set aside for extraordinary investment and expenditure in 2018 is EUR 47,6 million, the same level as in 2017; considers that the 2019

Amendment

2. Notes that the amount set aside for extraordinary investment and expenditure in 2018 is EUR 47,6 million, the same level as in 2017; considers that the 2019

communication campaign ought to **not** be considered as extraordinary expenditure;

communication campaign ought to be considered as extraordinary expenditure;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Marco Zanni, Sophie Montel, Stanisław Żółtek

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. ***Observes*** the request ***for 75% of*** the appropriations for the communication campaign in preparation for the 2019 elections ***have been included in the 2018 preliminary draft estimates because most of the contracts will be signed in 2018;***

Amendment

3. ***Condemns*** the request ***to include in the 2018 preliminary draft estimates*** the appropriations for the communication campaign in preparation for the 2019 elections; ***deplores the waste of taxpayers' money in a propaganda campaign for the exclusive benefit of the Union system;***

Or. en

Amendment 19

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Emphasises that the largest part of Parliament's budget is fixed by statutory or contractual obligations and is subject to annual indexation;

Amendment

4. Emphasises that the largest part of Parliament's budget is fixed by statutory or contractual obligations and is subject to annual indexation; ***in this regard, calls for an annual indexation based on an average of the current indexation rate of all Member States and underlines that the annual indexation should not be applied to the salaries of Members or to salaries of Union staff members with the same or higher wage; calls for a 15 % reduction to the M monthly salaries of Members, as well as to their daily allowances in order to give a strong signal to European***

citizens, who are facing a difficult economic, social and historical moment, and to progressively reduce the current negative perception of the Union politics;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Marco Zanni, Sophie Montel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. ***Emphasises*** that the largest part of Parliament's budget is fixed by statutory or contractual obligations ***and is*** subject to annual indexation;

Amendment

4. ***Notes*** that the largest part of Parliament's budget is fixed by statutory or contractual obligations, subject to annual indexation; ***asks therefore for a revision of the Statute for Members and the Staff Regulations in order to abolish unacceptable benefits;***

Or. en

Amendment 21
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. ***Emphasises*** that the largest part of Parliament's budget is fixed by statutory or contractual obligations and is subject to annual indexation;

Amendment

4. ***Underlines*** that the largest part of Parliament's budget is ***regularly*** fixed by statutory or contractual obligations and is subject to annual indexation;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Underlines the Parliament's key functions are to ***legislate***, represent citizens ***and*** scrutinise the work of other institutions;

Amendment

5. Underlines the Parliament's key functions are to represent citizens, ***co-legislate***, scrutinise the work of other ***Union*** institutions ***and certain agencies and bodies, nominally approve decisions of the Commission and the Council and legitimise the College of Commissioners, while the core aim of parliamentary services is to fully support all the elected representatives in their work with respect to the aforementioned functions;***

Or. en

Amendment 23

Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Jean-Paul Denanot, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. Highlights Parliament's role in building European political awareness and promoting the Union values;

Or. en

Amendment 24

Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Stresses that savings compared to the proposal of the Secretary-General are required ***in areas which are not related to these key functions***, and all efforts to strive

6. Stresses that savings compared to the proposal of the Secretary-General are required and all efforts to strive for a more efficient use of public money are strongly

for a more efficient use of public money
are strongly encouraged;

encouraged;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Stresses that savings compared to the proposal of the Secretary-General are required in areas which are not related to these key functions, and all efforts to strive for a more efficient use of public money are strongly encouraged;

Amendment

6. Stresses that savings compared to the proposal of the Secretary-General are required in areas which are not related to these key functions, and all efforts to strive for a more efficient ***and much reduced*** use of public money are strongly encouraged;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Stresses that savings compared to the proposal of the Secretary-General are required in areas which are not related to these key functions, and all efforts to strive for a more efficient use of public money are strongly encouraged;

Amendment

6. Stresses that savings compared to the proposal of the Secretary-General are required in areas which are not related to these key functions, and all efforts to strive for a more efficient ***and transparent*** use of public money are strongly encouraged;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Stresses that savings compared to the proposal of the Secretary-General are required in areas which are not related to these key functions, and all efforts to strive for a more efficient use of public money are ***strongly encouraged***;

Amendment

6. Stresses that savings compared to the proposal of the Secretary-General are required in areas which are not related to these key functions ***and aims***, and all ***effective*** efforts to strive for a more efficient use of public money are ***supported***;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. ***Welcomes*** the response to the request from the Committee on Budgets, in its resolution of 14 April 2016 on Parliament's estimates of revenue and expenditure for the financial year 2017⁸, and repeated in its resolution on the Council's position on the draft general budget of the Union for the financial year 2017⁹, concerning medium and long-term budgetary planning, including a clear distinction between investments and operational expenditure relating to the functioning of Parliament as well as its statutory obligations (including on rents and acquisitions);

⁸ Texts adopted, P8_TA(2016)0132.

⁹ Texts adopted, P8_TA(2016)0411.

Amendment

7. ***Acknowledges*** the response to the request from the Committee on Budgets, in its resolution of 14 April 2016 on Parliament's estimates of revenue and expenditure for the financial year 2017⁸, and repeated in its resolution on the Council's position on the draft general budget of the Union for the financial year 2017⁹, concerning medium and long-term budgetary planning, including a clear distinction between investments and operational expenditure relating to the functioning of Parliament as well as its statutory obligations (including on rents and acquisitions);

⁸ Texts adopted, P8_TA(2016)0132.

⁹ Texts adopted, P8_TA(2016)0411.

Or. en

Amendment 29
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Welcomes the creation of a working group on the procedures establishing the Parliament's estimates of revenue and expenditure; notes that Parliament has called for consideration to be given to a further revision of the Rules regarding internal budgetary procedures¹⁰; underlines the need for Members of the Bureau and the Committee on Budgets to receive relevant information relating to the estimates procedure in a timely and intelligible manner and with the necessary level of detail, in order to allow the Bureau and the Committee on Budgets to take decisions with a comprehensive picture of the state and needs of Parliament's budget;

¹⁰ Texts adopted, P8_TA(2016)0484.

Amendment

8. Welcomes the creation of a working group on the procedures establishing the Parliament's estimates of revenue and expenditure; notes that Parliament has called for consideration to be given to a further revision of the Rules regarding internal budgetary procedures¹⁰; underlines the need for Members of the Bureau and the Committee on Budgets to receive ***unhindered*** relevant information relating to the estimates procedure in a timely and intelligible manner and with the necessary level of detail, in order to allow the Bureau and the Committee on Budgets to take ***prompt and appropriate*** decisions with a comprehensive picture of the state and needs of Parliament's budget;

¹⁰ Texts adopted, P8_TA(2016)0484.

Or. en

Amendment 30
Paul Rübig, Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. ***Reiterates its call on the Secretary-General to make a proposal for presenting the budget to the general public in appropriate detail and in an intelligible and user-friendly manner on the website of the Parliament in order to enable all citizens to develop a better understanding of Parliament's activities, priorities and***

Amendment

deleted

corresponding spending patterns;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Reiterates its call on the Secretary-General to make a proposal for presenting the budget to the general public in appropriate detail and in an intelligible and user-friendly manner on the website of the Parliament in order to ***enable all*** citizens to develop a better understanding of Parliament's activities, priorities and corresponding spending patterns;

Amendment

9. Reiterates its call on the Secretary-General to make, ***without undue delay***, a proposal for presenting the budget to the general public in appropriate detail and in an intelligible and user-friendly manner on the website of the Parliament in order to ***support*** citizens ***on making informed political decisions and further enable them to scrutinise and*** develop a better understanding of Parliament's activities, priorities and corresponding spending patterns;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. Considers visitor groups to be one of the key instruments in increasing the awareness of citizens about Parliament's activities; welcomes the revised rules for visitors groups, and considers that the risk of misappropriation of funds has decreased due to the implementation of the new and stricter rules; in this light, invites the Bureau, together with its Working Group on Information and

Communication, to revise the appropriations for Member's visitor groups, taking into account inflation rates in recent years which have consequently increased the cost of such visits; considers that, although those amounts are not meant to cover all the costs incurred by visitors groups, but rather to be considered as a subsidy, the fact that the proportion of costs covered will diminish if the allowance is not adjusted according to inflation, cannot be ignored; asks the Bureau to take into account that this discrepancy disproportionately affects visitor groups from less affluent socio-economic backgrounds who have very limited financial means of their own;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Takes note of the ongoing measures to continue to empower Parliament's security, relating to buildings, equipment and staff, cyber-security and communication security; requests the Secretary-General and the Bureau to carry on the Global Security Concept to continue to provide structural, operational and cultural improvements in Parliament's security;

Amendment

10. Takes note of the ongoing measures to continue to empower Parliament's security, relating to buildings, equipment and staff, cyber-security and communication security; requests the Secretary-General and the Bureau to carry on the Global Security Concept to continue to provide structural, operational and cultural improvements in Parliament's security; *reiterates the need to improve the performance of IT services provided to the Parliament by investing in the training of staff, but also by better selecting contractors based on a stronger evaluation of their services and IT capacity;*

Or. en

Amendment 34
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. ***Takes note of*** the ongoing ***measures to continue*** to empower Parliament's security, relating to buildings, equipment and staff, cyber-security and communication security; requests the Secretary-General and the Bureau to ***carry on*** the Global Security Concept to continue to provide structural, operational and cultural improvements in Parliament's security;

Amendment

10. ***Welcomes*** the ongoing ***endeavours*** to empower Parliament's security, relating to buildings, equipment and staff, cyber-security and communication security; requests the Secretary-General and the Bureau to ***persevere with*** the Global Security Concept to continue to provide structural, operational and cultural improvements in Parliament's security;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Takes note of the ongoing measures to ***continue to*** empower Parliament's security, relating to buildings, equipment and staff, cyber-security and communication security; requests the Secretary-General and the Bureau to carry on the Global Security Concept to continue to provide structural, operational and cultural improvements in Parliament's security;

Amendment

10. Takes note of the ongoing measures to empower Parliament's security, relating to buildings, equipment and staff, cyber-security and communication security; requests the Secretary-General and the Bureau to carry on the Global Security Concept to continue to provide structural, operational and cultural improvements in Parliament's security;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Believes that *recent events demonstrate the likelihood of cyber-attacks* has increased *dramatically*, with the technology behind such attacks often outpacing the cybersecurity measures to combat them; considers that IT tools have become important instruments for Members and staff to carry out their *work*, but are nevertheless vulnerable to such attacks; welcomes therefore the embedding of cybersecurity in Parliament's overall strategic management framework, and considers this will *enable the institution to* better protect its assets and information;

Amendment

11. Believes that *the likelihood of cyber-attacks is constant and persistent, while the impact of potential effects* has increased *substantially*, with the technology behind such attacks often outpacing the cybersecurity measures to combat them; considers that IT tools have become important instruments for Members and staff to carry out their *political functions*, but are nevertheless vulnerable to such attacks; welcomes therefore the embedding of cybersecurity in Parliament's overall strategic management framework, and considers this will *improve the institution's capacity to withstand such attacks and* better protect its assets and information; *warns that the Parliament will nevertheless remain vulnerable to a sustained organised attack, especially one with subversive intent;*

Or. en

Amendment 37
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Considers that despite the installation of SECure EMail system (SECEM) the Parliament is unable to receive restricted and non-classified briefings from other institutions; notes that Parliament is not in a position to develop its own Classified Information System

Amendment

12. Considers that despite the installation of SECure EMail system (SECEM) the Parliament is unable to receive restricted and non-classified briefings from other institutions; notes that Parliament is not in a position to develop its own Classified Information System

(CIS) alone and negotiations are ongoing with other institutions on this matter; invites the Secretary-General to present to the Committee on Budgets more information regarding the *ongoing* negotiations, before the Parliament's reading of the budget in autumn 2017;

(CIS) alone and negotiations are ongoing with other institutions on this matter; invites the Secretary-General to present to the Committee on Budgets more information regarding the *latest developments of these* negotiations, before the Parliament's reading of the budget in autumn 2017 *in order to identify the best means of enabling Parliament to receive restricted and non-classified briefings*;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Considers that despite the installation of SECure EMail system (SECEM) the Parliament is unable to receive restricted and non-classified briefings from other institutions; notes that Parliament is not in a position to develop its own Classified Information System (CIS) alone *and negotiations are* ongoing with other institutions on this matter; invites the Secretary-General to *present to* the Committee on Budgets *more information* regarding the ongoing negotiations, before the Parliament's reading of the budget in autumn 2017;

Amendment

12. Considers that despite the installation of SECure EMail system (SECEM) the Parliament is *nevertheless* unable to receive restricted and non-classified briefings from other institutions; notes that Parliament is not in a position to develop its own Classified Information System (CIS) alone; *requests* ongoing *negotiations* with other institutions on this matter *to intensify*; invites the Secretary-General to *report to* the Committee on Budgets regarding the ongoing negotiations, before the Parliament's reading of the budget in autumn 2017;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. **Considers** that despite the installation of SECure EMail system (SECEM) the Parliament is unable to receive restricted and non-classified briefings from other institutions; **notes** that Parliament is not in a position to develop its own Classified Information System (CIS) alone and negotiations are ongoing with other institutions on this matter; invites the Secretary-General to present to the Committee on Budgets more information regarding the ongoing negotiations, before the Parliament's reading of the budget in autumn 2017;

Amendment

12. **Regrets** that despite the installation of SECure EMail system (SECEM) the Parliament is unable to receive restricted and non-classified briefings from other institutions; **deplores** that Parliament is not in a position to develop its own Classified Information System (CIS) alone and negotiations are ongoing with other institutions on this matter; invites the Secretary-General to present to the Committee on Budgets more information regarding the ongoing negotiations, before the Parliament's reading of the budget in autumn 2017;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Welcomes the efforts to further digitise and computerise procedures; in this regard, encourages the introduction of more possibilities for the use of secure digital signature in administrative procedures in order to reduce the use of paper and save time;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Gérard Deprez, Nedzhmi Ali, Louis Michel, Jean Arthuis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Welcomes the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Belgian Government and the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission, the European External Action Service, and other institutions based in Brussels, on security verifications for all external contractors' staff wishing to access the Union institutions;

Amendment

13. Welcomes the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Belgian Government and the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission, the European External Action Service, and other institutions based in Brussels, on security verifications for all external contractors' staff wishing to access the Union institutions; ***regrets that that Memorandum of Understanding was signed after the driver service had been internalised for safety reasons; invites the Secretary-General to consider the advisability of extending the application of this Memorandum of Understanding to officials and parliamentary assistants in order to allow the necessary security verifications before their recruitment;***

Or. en

Amendment 42

Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. ***Welcomes*** the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Belgian Government and the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission, the European External Action Service, and other institutions based in Brussels, on security verifications for all external contractors' staff ***wishing to access*** the Union institutions;

Amendment

13. ***Notes*** the signature of a ***multilateral*** Memorandum of Understanding between the Belgian Government and the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission, the European External Action Service, and other institutions based in Brussels, on ***comprehensive*** security verifications for all external contractors' staff ***prior to fully accessing*** the Union institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Welcomes the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Belgian Government and the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission, the European External Action Service, and other institutions based in Brussels, on security *verifications* for all external contractors' staff wishing to access the Union institutions;

Amendment

13. Welcomes the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Belgian Government and the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission, the European External Action Service, and other institutions based in Brussels, on *future security clearance checks* for all external contractors' staff wishing to access the Union institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

13 a. Calls on the Secretary-General to present a proposal in order to continue the internalisation effort for services deemed necessary, in particular in order to guarantee the role of legislative excellence of the Parliament and assistance to Members and staff, or to reinforce cyber-security of the Parliament and the teams working on the development of IT tools and software specifically for the Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Marco Zanni, Sophie Montel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Deplores the Bureau decision to approve the creation of a new protection unit, composed of 12 body guards for the President and 35 armed security officials; considers that the security system outside Parliament's premises should continue to be guaranteed by the Belgian authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Regrets the decision to provide the President of the European Parliament with a close protection service composed of 12 body guards; asks for a revision of that decision;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Recalls that the last mid-term building strategy was adopted by the Bureau in 2010; questions why the Bureau has failed to present a long-term strategy for Parliament buildings during this legislature, despite the Parliament's

14. Recalls that the last mid-term building strategy was adopted by the Bureau in 2010; questions, **with much regret**, why the Bureau has **miserably** failed to present a long-term strategy for Parliament buildings during this

previous resolutions; invites the Secretary-General and Vice-Presidents to present to the Committee on Budgets the new mid-term strategy on buildings as soon as possible, before the Parliament's reading of the budget in autumn 2017;

legislature, despite the Parliament's previous **robust** resolutions; invites the Secretary-General and Vice-Presidents to present **in good faith** to the Committee on Budgets the new mid-term strategy on buildings as soon as possible, before the Parliament's reading of the budget in autumn 2017;

Or. en

Amendment 48 **Eleftherios Synadinos**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 15**

Motion for a resolution

15. Reiterates its call for a transparent decision-making process in the field of buildings policy, based on early information, having due regard to Article 203 of the Financial Regulation; calls in this regard for more information on the extension of the WAYENBERG crèche;

Amendment

15. Reiterates its call for a **more** transparent decision-making **and implementation** process in the field of buildings policy, based on early information, having due regard to Article 203 of the Financial Regulation; calls in this regard for more information on the extension of the WAYENBERG crèche;

Or. en

Amendment 49 **Monika Hohlmeier**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 16**

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls for more information on the project to renovate the Paul Henri Spaak (PHS) building, ***specifically any opinions from external contractors on the necessity to renovate the building, which has had a short 25-year lifespan***; notes the level of appropriations proposed by the Secretary-

Amendment

16. Calls for more information on the project to renovate the Paul Henri Spaak (PHS) building, ***which has had a short lifespan of 25 years; underlines that the existing building doesn't fulfil the static requirements of a public building for parliamentary functions*** which has ***higher***

General in 2018 concerning studies, preparatory projects and works, and the provision of assistance to the project management team; *expresses concern at the possible confusion regarding the amounts to be spent on studies and removals*; *urges* the Bureau and Secretary-General to inform the Committee on Budgets on all subsequent steps and provide a clear breakdown of costs as soon as possible;

security and needs to withstand external shocks without collapsing; criticises the fact that the PHS building doesn't fulfil even minimum standards of modern static requirements and notes that several actions have already had to be taken to guarantee its stability; urges therefore the Bureau and the administration of the Parliament to work on future solutions for the new PHS building that secures life and healthy working conditions of the persons present; is therefore in favour of commissioning an independent expert study that should analyse the possible options for the new PHS; calls on the Secretary-General to present the results of such a study to the Committee on Budgets as soon as possible; notes the level of appropriations proposed by the Secretary-General in 2018 concerning studies, preparatory projects and works, and the provision of assistance to the project management team; ***calls on*** the Bureau and Secretary-General to inform the Committee on Budgets on all subsequent steps and ***to*** provide a clear breakdown of costs as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 50 **Victor Negrescu**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 16**

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls for more information on the project to renovate the Paul Henri Spaak (PHS) building, specifically any opinions from external contractors on the necessity to renovate the building, which has had a short 25-year lifespan; notes the level of appropriations proposed by the Secretary-General in 2018 concerning studies, preparatory projects and works, and the

Amendment

16. Calls for more information on the project to renovate the Paul Henri Spaak (PHS) building, specifically any opinions from external contractors on the necessity to renovate the building, which has had a short 25-year lifespan; notes the level of appropriations proposed by the Secretary-General in 2018 concerning studies, preparatory projects and works, and the

provision of assistance to the project management team; expresses concern at the possible confusion regarding the amounts to be spent on studies and removals; urges the Bureau and Secretary-General to inform the Committee on Budgets on all subsequent steps and provide a clear breakdown of costs as soon as possible;

provision of assistance to the project management team; expresses concern at the possible confusion regarding the amounts to be spent on studies and removals; urges the Bureau and Secretary-General to inform the Committee on Budgets on all subsequent steps and provide a clear breakdown of costs as soon as possible; ***calls for an assessment on how the renovation will impact the visitors and seminars unit, the availability of the plenary chamber as well the other rooms and offices;***

Or. en

Amendment 51

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls for more information on the project to renovate the Paul Henri Spaak (PHS) building, specifically any opinions from external contractors on the necessity to renovate the building, which has had a short 25-year lifespan; ***notes*** the level of appropriations proposed by the Secretary-General in 2018 concerning studies, preparatory projects and works, and the provision of assistance to the project management team; expresses concern at the possible confusion regarding the amounts to be spent on studies and removals; urges the Bureau and Secretary-General to inform the Committee on Budgets on all subsequent steps and provide a clear breakdown of costs as soon as possible;

Amendment

16. Calls for more information on the project to renovate the Paul Henri Spaak (PHS) building, specifically any opinions from external contractors on the necessity to renovate the building, which has had a short 25-year lifespan; ***regrets*** the level of appropriations proposed by the Secretary-General in 2018 concerning studies, preparatory projects and works, and the provision of assistance to the project management team; expresses concern at the possible confusion regarding the amounts to be spent on studies and removals; urges the Bureau and Secretary-General to inform the Committee on Budgets on all subsequent steps and provide a clear breakdown of costs as soon as possible; ***asks for a new independent estimate of the expected costs and not to take in charge the foreseen amount proposed by the Bureau on 3 February 2017;***

Amendment 52
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls for more information on the project to renovate the Paul Henri Spaak (PHS) building, specifically any opinions from external contractors on the necessity to renovate the building, which **has had** a short 25-year lifespan; notes the level of appropriations proposed by the Secretary-General in 2018 concerning studies, preparatory projects and works, and the provision of assistance to the project management team; expresses concern at the possible confusion regarding the amounts to be spent on studies and removals; urges the Bureau and Secretary-General to inform the Committee on Budgets on all subsequent steps and provide a clear breakdown of costs as soon as possible;

Amendment

16. Calls for more information on the project to renovate the Paul Henri Spaak (PHS) building, specifically any opinions from external contractors on the necessity to renovate the building, which **is presented as having** a short 25-year lifespan; notes the level of appropriations proposed by the Secretary-General in 2018 concerning studies, preparatory projects and works, and the provision of assistance to the project management team; expresses concern at the possible confusion regarding the amounts to be spent on studies and removals; urges the Bureau and Secretary-General to inform the Committee on Budgets on all subsequent steps and provide a clear breakdown of costs as soon as possible; **recalls that, in any case, there is a need to implement state-of-the art energy efficient architecture;**

Or. en

Amendment 53
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls for more information on the project to renovate the Paul Henri Spaak (PHS) building, specifically any opinions from external contractors on the necessity

Amendment

16. Calls for **substantially** more information on the project to renovate the Paul Henri Spaak (PHS) building, specifically any opinions from external

to renovate the building, which has had a short 25-year lifespan; notes the level of appropriations proposed by the Secretary-General in 2018 concerning studies, preparatory projects and works, and the provision of assistance to the project management team; expresses concern at the possible confusion regarding the amounts to be spent on studies and removals; urges the Bureau and Secretary-General to inform the Committee on Budgets on all subsequent steps and provide a clear breakdown of costs as soon as possible;

contractors on the necessity to renovate the building, which has had a short 25-year lifespan; notes the level of appropriations proposed by the Secretary-General in 2018 concerning studies, preparatory projects and works, and the provision of assistance to the project management team; expresses **major** concern at the possible confusion regarding the amounts to be spent on studies and removals; urges the Bureau and Secretary-General to **appropriately and comprehensively** inform the Committee on Budgets on all subsequent steps and provide a clear breakdown of costs as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 54

Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls for more information on the project to renovate the Paul Henri Spaak (PHS) building, specifically any opinions from external contractors on the necessity to renovate the building, which has had a short 25-year lifespan; notes the level of appropriations proposed by the Secretary-General in 2018 concerning studies, preparatory projects and works, and the provision of assistance to the project management team; expresses concern at the possible confusion regarding the amounts to be spent on studies and removals; urges the Bureau and Secretary-General to inform the Committee on Budgets on all subsequent steps and provide a clear breakdown of costs as soon as possible;

Amendment

16. Calls for more information on the project to renovate the Paul Henri Spaak (PHS) building, specifically any opinions from external contractors on the necessity to renovate the building, which has had a short 25-year lifespan; notes the level of appropriations proposed by the Secretary-General in 2018 concerning studies, preparatory projects and works, and the provision of assistance to the project management team; expresses concern at the possible confusion regarding the amounts to be spent on studies and removals; urges the Bureau and Secretary-General to inform the Committee on Budgets on all subsequent steps and provide a clear breakdown of costs as soon as possible **and not later than July 2017**;

Or. en

Amendment 55

Gérard Deprez, Nedzhmi Ali, Louis Michel, Jean Arthuis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Considers 2018 to be a critical year for the Konrad Adenauer (KAD) building, as it will mark the end of the work on the East site and the start of work on the West site; notes that the budget allocated to cover the management of this large-scale project has had to be revised in order to strengthen the teams which monitor the progress of the work; **notes** the on-going practice of using the year-end 'mopping up transfer' (ramassage) to contribute to current building projects; considers that while this may be a pragmatic solution to reduce interest rate payments, it nevertheless exists in tension with the transparency of building projects within the Parliament's budget and could even incentivise over-budgeting in certain areas;

Amendment

17. Considers 2018 to be a critical year for the Konrad Adenauer (KAD) building, as it will mark the end of the work on the East site and the start of work on the West site; notes that the budget allocated to cover the management of this large-scale project has had to be revised in order to strengthen the teams which monitor the progress of the work; **draws attention to** the on-going practice of using the year-end 'mopping up transfer' (ramassage) to contribute to current building projects; considers that while this may be a pragmatic solution to reduce interest rate payments, it nevertheless exists in tension with the transparency of building projects within the Parliament's budget and could even incentivise over-budgeting in certain areas; **highlights, on the basis of the figures for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016, that the year-end 'mopping up transfer' (ramassage) takes place systematically on the same chapters and titles and, with a few exceptions, exactly on the same lines; wonders, therefore, whether there is a programmed overvaluation of those chapters and lines in order to generate funds for the financing of buildings policy;**

Or. en

Amendment 56

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Considers 2018 to be a critical year for the Konrad Adenauer (KAD) building, as it will mark the end of the work on the East site and the start of work on the West site; notes that the budget allocated to cover the management of this large-scale project has had to be revised in order to strengthen the teams which monitor the progress of the work; notes the on-going practice of using the year-end ‘mopping up transfer’ (ramassage) to contribute to current building projects; considers that while this may be a pragmatic solution to reduce interest rate payments, it nevertheless exists in tension with the transparency of building projects within the Parliament’s budget and could even incentivise over-budgeting in certain areas;

Amendment

17. Considers 2018 to be a critical year for the Konrad Adenauer (KAD) building, as it will mark the end of the work on the East site and the start of work on the West site; notes that the budget allocated to cover the management of this large-scale project has had to be revised in order to strengthen the teams which monitor the progress of the work; notes the on-going practice of using the year-end ‘mopping up transfer’ (ramassage) to contribute to current building projects; considers that while this may be a pragmatic solution to reduce interest rate payments, it nevertheless exists in tension with the transparency of building projects within the Parliament’s budget and could even incentivise over-budgeting in certain areas; ***calls for the use of ramassage to be stopped and for the presentation of realistic estimates of expected expenditures;***

Or. en

Amendment 57
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Considers 2018 to be a critical year for the Konrad Adenauer (KAD) building, as it will mark the end of the work on the East site and the start of work on the West site; notes that the budget allocated to cover the management of this large-scale project has had to be revised in order to strengthen the teams which monitor the progress of the work; ***notes*** the on-going practice of using the year-end ‘mopping up transfer’ (ramassage) to contribute to

Amendment

17. Considers 2018 to be a critical year for the Konrad Adenauer (KAD) building, as it will mark the end of the work on the East site and the start of work on the West site; notes that the budget allocated to cover the management of this large-scale project has had to be revised in order to strengthen the teams which monitor the progress of the work; ***recognizes*** the on-going practice of using the year-end ‘mopping up transfer’ (ramassage) to

current building projects; **considers** that while this may be a pragmatic solution to reduce interest rate payments, it nevertheless exists in tension with the transparency of building projects within the Parliament's budget and could **even incentivise** over-budgeting in certain areas;

contribute to current building projects; **understands** that while this may be a pragmatic solution to reduce interest rate payments, it nevertheless exists in tension with the transparency of building projects within the Parliament's budget and could **pose the potential risk of incentivising** over-budgeting in certain areas;

Or. en

Amendment 58

Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Considers 2018 to be a critical year for the Konrad Adenauer (KAD) building, as it will mark the end of the work on the East site and the start of work on the West site; notes that the budget allocated to cover the management of this large-scale project has had to be revised in order to strengthen the teams which monitor the progress of the work; notes the on-going practice of using the year-end 'mopping up transfer' (ramassage) to contribute to current building projects; considers that while this may be a pragmatic solution to reduce interest rate payments, it nevertheless exists in tension with the transparency of building projects within the Parliament's budget and could even incentivise over-budgeting in certain areas;

Amendment

17. Considers 2018 to be a critical year for the Konrad Adenauer (KAD) building, as it will mark the end of the work on the East site and the start of work on the West site; notes **with concern** that the budget allocated to cover the management of this large-scale project has had to be revised in order to strengthen the teams which monitor the progress of the work; notes the on-going practice of using the year-end 'mopping up transfer' (ramassage) to contribute to current building projects; considers that while this may be a pragmatic solution to reduce interest rate payments, it nevertheless exists in tension with the transparency of building projects within the Parliament's budget and could even incentivise over-budgeting in certain areas;

Or. en

Amendment 59

Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 a. Stresses the high price of renovation studies, taking into consideration the fact that the budget for studies on renovating the PHS building is estimated at EUR 14 080 million whilst the available budget for finalising works at the KAD building is estimated at EUR 33 890 million;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Invites the Vice-Presidents responsible and the Secretary-General to present to the Committee on Budgets a progress report on the KAD building;

18. Invites the Vice-Presidents responsible and the Secretary-General to present to the Committee on Budgets a progress report ***and estimates for finalising the works*** on the KAD building;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Invites the Vice-Presidents responsible and the Secretary-General to ***present to*** the Committee on Budgets ***a*** progress report on the KAD building;

18. Invites the Vice-Presidents responsible and the Secretary-General to ***promptly report to*** the Committee on Budgets ***with a full*** progress report on the KAD building;

Amendment 62
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

EMAS

Or. en

Amendment 63
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 a. Recalls that Parliament committed to a 30 % reduction per FTE in its CO₂ emissions by 2020 compared to 2006;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 b. Deems it of utmost importance, therefore, that Parliament sets itself new, more challenging, quantitative targets that should be regularly measured by the responsible services; notes in this regard the 2015 Bureau decision to offset the total amount of Parliament's carbon

emissions, including emissions from flights by Members between their country of origin and Parliament's working places;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 c. Welcomes the installation of the inter-institutional helpdesk on green public procurement, which now has to be fully implemented by setting clear targets in the field, as well as stepping up efforts in internal information, promotion and effective governance on green public procurement; underlines that sub-contracted service providers must also comply with those rules; in this regard, deplores the high use of plastic bottles, cups, containers and packaging in Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 d. Recalls the Parliament commitment of Directive 2012/27/EU on energy efficiency which stipulates that it will, "without prejudice to applicable budgetary and procurement rules, undertake to apply the same requirements

to the buildings they own and occupy as those applicable to the buildings of Member States' central government under Articles 5 and 6" of that Directive, due to the high visibility of the buildings and the leading role it should play with regard to buildings' energy performance; underlines the urgency of compliance with this declaration, not at least for its own credibility in the currently ongoing revisions of the energy performance of buildings and the energy efficiency directives;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Monika Vana

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 e. Welcomes the creation of a Mobility Working Group which should work inclusively and be clearly mandated; underlines that Parliament has to conform with all regional applicable laws at the places of work, including in that area; advocates the promotion of use of the established direct train connection between the Brussels Parliament site and the airport; invites the responsible services to re-evaluate the composition and size of its own vehicle fleet against this background; calls on the Bureau to establish without delay an incentive scheme for promoting the use of bicycles for home-work commuting; notes that such a scheme is already established in other institutions, notably the European Economic and Social Committee;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Marco Zanni, Sophie Montel, Stanisław Żółtek

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***Communication campaign for the 2019
European elections*** ***deleted***

Or. en

Amendment 69
Marco Zanni, Sophie Montel, Stanisław Żółtek

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Welcomes the communication campaign as a helpful effort to explain the purpose of the Union and the Parliament to the citizens; underlines, however, that this campaign should be limited to explaining the role of the European Union and the Parliament; ***deleted***

Or. en

Amendment 70
Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Welcomes the communication campaign as a helpful effort to explain the purpose of the Union and the Parliament to the citizens; underlines, however, that this campaign should be limited to explaining the role of the European

19. *Rejects* the communication campaign;

Amendment 71
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Welcomes the communication campaign *as a helpful effort* to explain the purpose of the Union and the Parliament to the citizens; *underlines, however, that this campaign should be limited to explaining the role of the European Union and the Parliament;*

Amendment

19. Considers that *EUR 33,33 million foreseen for the communication campaign in the Parliament budget will not alone help* to explain the purpose of the Union and the Parliament to the citizens; *insists on the need to learn from the extremely low voter turnout in the 2014 European elections and to draw adequate conclusions as regards the framing of the campaign for the 2019 elections; suggests, in this regard, a focus on collaboration with the relevant Member States' electoral authorities in order to create common ownership of the European elections process;*

Amendment 72
Paul Rübig, Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Welcomes the communication campaign as a helpful effort to explain the purpose of the Union and the Parliament to the citizens; *underlines, however,* that this campaign should *be limited to* explaining the role of the European Union and the Parliament;

Amendment

19. Welcomes the communication campaign as a helpful effort to explain the purpose of the Union and the Parliament to the citizens; *underlines that this campaign should aim, among other things, at explaining the role of the European Union, the power of the Parliament, its functions,*

including the election of the President of the Commission, and its impact on the lives of citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 73

Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Jean-Paul Denanot, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Welcomes the communication campaign as a helpful effort to explain the purpose of the Union and the Parliament to the citizens; ***underlines, however, that this campaign should be limited to explaining the role of the European Union and the Parliament;***

Amendment

19. Welcomes the communication campaign as a helpful effort to explain the purpose of the Union and the Parliament to the citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 74

Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. ***Welcomes*** the communication campaign as a ***helpful effort to explain*** the purpose of the Union and the Parliament to the citizens; underlines, however, that this campaign should be limited to explaining the role of the European Union and the Parliament;

Amendment

19. ***Notes*** the communication campaign as a ***tool for a presentation of*** the purpose of the Union and the Parliament to the citizens; underlines, however, that this campaign should be ***largely*** limited to explaining the role of the European Union and the Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. *Notes that in advance of the forthcoming 2019 European elections, preparatory work on the communication campaign is already due to begin this year; welcomes a shorter two year pre-election period for the communication campaign compared to the three year pre-election period for the 2014 European elections;* **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 76
Marco Zanni, Sophie Montel, Stanisław Żółtek

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. *Notes that in advance of the forthcoming 2019 European elections, preparatory work on the communication campaign is already due to begin this year; welcomes a shorter two year pre-election period for the communication campaign compared to the three year pre-election period for the 2014 European elections;* **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 77
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Notes that in advance of the forthcoming 2019 European elections, preparatory work on the communication campaign is already due to begin this year; welcomes a shorter two year pre-election period for the communication campaign compared to the three year pre-election period for the 2014 European elections;

Amendment

20. Notes that in advance of the forthcoming 2019 European elections, preparatory work on the communication campaign is already due to begin this year; welcomes a shorter two year pre-election period for the communication campaign compared to the three year pre-election period for the 2014 European elections; ***considers that in order to better explain the Union and the role of the Parliament, a year-long communication campaign needs to exist during the whole mandate, not only in the year before the European elections;***

Or. en

Amendment 78

Paul Rübig, Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Notes that in advance of the forthcoming 2019 European elections, preparatory work on the communication campaign is already due to begin this year; ***welcomes a shorter two year pre-election period for the communication campaign compared to the three year pre-election period for the 2014 European elections;***

Amendment

20. Notes that in advance of the forthcoming 2019 European elections, preparatory work on the communication campaign is already due to begin this year; ***that communication activities in 2018 will focus on the impact on the lives of citizens of Parliament's work and that the first months of 2019 will see the development of those actions linked to the election itself;***

Or. en

Amendment 79

Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Notes that in advance of the forthcoming 2019 European elections, preparatory work on the communication campaign is already due to begin this year; **welcomes a** shorter two year pre-election period for the communication campaign compared to the three year pre-election period for the 2014 European elections;

Amendment

20. Notes that in advance of the forthcoming 2019 European elections, preparatory work on the communication campaign is already due to begin this year; **supports the** shorter two year pre-election period for the communication campaign compared to the three year pre-election period for the 2014 European elections;

Or. en

Amendment 80
Marco Zanni, Sophie Montel, Stanisław Żółtek

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Considers the total amount proposed for the communication campaign for the 2019 elections to be too high, with EUR 25 million of expenditure in 2018 and EUR 8,33 million in 2019; notes that a higher amount of financial commitments are required in 2018, nevertheless considers that the distribution of appropriations could be adjusted by lowering spending in 2018;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 81
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Considers the total amount proposed for the communication campaign for the 2019 elections to be too high, with EUR 25 million of expenditure in 2018 and EUR 8,33 million in 2019; notes that a higher amount of financial commitments are required in 2018, ***nevertheless considers that the distribution of appropriations could be adjusted by lowering spending in 2018;***

Amendment

21. ***stresses that the 2014 campaign for the elections promoted by the Parliament didn't provide the expected results, with a slight decrease in participation in the European elections;*** considers the total amount proposed for the communication campaign for the 2019 elections to be too high, with EUR 25 million of expenditure in 2018 and EUR 8,33 million in 2019; notes that a higher amount of financial commitments are required in 2018; ***asks for the total cut of the proposed amount and invites the Secretary-General to use the internal communication services to promote a cost-free web campaign on social networks;***

Or. en

Amendment 82
Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Considers the total amount proposed for the communication campaign for the 2019 elections to be too high, with EUR 25 million of expenditure in 2018 and EUR 8,33 million in 2019; ***notes that a higher amount of financial commitments are required in 2018, nevertheless considers that the distribution of appropriations could be adjusted by lowering spending in 2018;***

Amendment

21. Considers the total amount proposed for the communication campaign for the 2019 elections to be too high, with EUR 25 million of expenditure in 2018 and EUR 8,33 million in 2019;

Or. en

Amendment 83

Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Jean-Paul Denanot, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. ***Considers*** the total amount proposed for the communication campaign for the 2019 elections ***to be too high***, with EUR 25 million of expenditure in 2018 and EUR 8,33 million in 2019; ***notes that*** a higher amount of financial commitments ***are*** required ***in 2018***, ***nevertheless considers that the distribution of appropriations could be adjusted by lowering spending*** in 2018;

Amendment

21. ***Takes note of*** the total amount proposed for the communication campaign for the 2019 elections with EUR 25 million of expenditure in 2018 and EUR 8,33 million in 2019 ***with*** a higher amount of financial commitments required in 2018;

Or. en

Amendment 84

Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. ***Considers*** the total amount ***proposed for the communication campaign*** for the 2019 elections ***to be too high***, ***with*** EUR 25 million of expenditure in 2018 and EUR 8,33 million in 2019; notes that a higher amount of financial commitments are required in 2018, ***nevertheless considers that the distribution of appropriations could be adjusted by lowering spending in 2018***;

Amendment

21. ***Notes*** the total amount for the 2019 elections ***communication campaign is estimated at*** EUR 25 million of expenditure in 2018 and EUR 8,33 million in 2019; notes that a higher amount of financial commitments are required in 2018; ***highlights the importance of those communication campaigns, especially taking into consideration the current situation in the Union***;

Or. en

Amendment 85

Paul Rübig, Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. *Considers the total amount proposed for the communication campaign for the 2019 elections to be too high, with EUR 25 million of expenditure in 2018 and EUR 8,33 million in 2019; notes that a higher amount of financial commitments are required in 2018, nevertheless considers that the distribution of appropriations could be adjusted by lowering spending in 2018;*

Amendment

21. *Highlights the fact that the amount proposed for the communication campaign is EUR 25 million of expenditure in 2018 and EUR 8,33 million in 2019; notes that the bulk of financial commitments occur in 2018 in order to conclude necessary contracts and focus on the campaign's implementation in the year of the election;*

Or. en

Amendment 86
Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. *Believes the Directorate-General for Communication (DG COMM) should act on the recommendations from the evaluation of the 2014 European election campaign¹¹, and prioritise the collection of data for campaign projects, per unit, based on predefined key indicators in order to measure their impact;*

Amendment

deleted

¹¹ Deloitte, December 2015 study.

Or. en

Amendment 87
Marco Zanni, Sophie Montel, Stanisław Żółtek

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22. Believes the Directorate-General for Communication (DG COMM) should act on the recommendations from the evaluation of the 2014 European election campaign¹¹, and prioritise the collection of data for campaign projects, per unit, based on predefined key indicators in order to measure their impact;

deleted

¹¹ Deloitte, December 2015 study.

Or. en

Amendment 88
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22. Believes the Directorate-General for Communication (DG COMM) should act on the recommendations from the evaluation of the 2014 European election campaign¹¹, and prioritise the collection of data for campaign projects, per unit, based on predefined key indicators in order to measure their impact;

22. Believes the Directorate-General for Communication (DG COMM) should act on the recommendations from the evaluation of the 2014 European election campaign¹¹, and prioritise the collection of data for campaign projects, per unit, based on predefined key indicators in order to measure their impact, ***considering with care the root causes of the extremely low turnout in the 2014 elections;***

¹¹ Deloitte, December 2015 study.

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Or. en

Amendment 89
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Believes the Directorate-General for Communication (DG COMM) should ***act on*** the recommendations from the evaluation of the 2014 European election campaign¹¹, and prioritise the collection of data for campaign projects, per unit, based on predefined key indicators in order to measure their impact;

¹¹ Deloitte, December 2015 study.

Amendment

22. Believes the Directorate-General for Communication (DG COMM) should ***adopt and implement*** the recommendations from the evaluation of the 2014 European election campaign¹¹, and prioritise the collection of data for campaign projects, per unit, based on predefined key indicators in order to measure their impact;

¹¹ Deloitte, December 2015 study.

Or. en

Amendment 90
Paul Rübig

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22 a. Calls for an increase in Article 325 ‘Expenditure relating to information offices’ and Item 3245 ‘Organisation of seminar symposia and cultural activities’ in order to also provide information about the Union and Union-policies through the activities of external stakeholders on local, regional and national level;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. ***Welcomes the work of the Parliament's Secretariat aimed at empowering Members in their mandates; encourages the continued development of those services which enhance Members' ability to scrutinise the work of the Commission and Council and represent citizens;***

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 92
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. ***Welcomes*** the work of the Parliament's Secretariat aimed at empowering Members in their mandates; encourages the continued development of those services which enhance ***Members' ability to scrutinise*** the work of the Commission and Council and ***represent*** citizens;

23. ***Notes that*** the work of the Parliament's Secretariat ***is also*** aimed at empowering ***all*** Members ***equally*** in their mandates; encourages the continued development of those services which enhance ***the ability of all*** Members to ***perform their expected functions, in particular scrutinising*** the work of the Commission and Council and ***representing*** citizens ***without prejudice***;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Paul Rübig

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Welcomes the work of the Parliament's Secretariat aimed at

23. Welcomes the work of the Parliament's Secretariat, ***the Secretariats***

empowering Members in their mandates; encourages the continued development of those services which enhance Members' ability to scrutinise the work of the Commission and Council and represent citizens;

of the political groups and the offices of Members aimed at empowering Members in their mandates; encourages the continued development of those services which enhance Members' ability to scrutinise the work of the Commission and Council and represent citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 94

Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. ***Welcomes in particular the ever increasing quality of advice and research provided to Members and committees through the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS) and the policy departments; approves of the four specific projects being developed over the medium-term in the European Parliament library, namely the digital library, improved resources for research, comparative law sources and open library; considers these projects as a means to improve support to both Members and staff, as well as facilitating access to the external research community and citizens;***

Amendment

24. ***Recalls that a mid-term evaluation of the efficacy of the cooperation between the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS) and the policy departments was provided for when EPRS was created in 2013; furthermore, emphasises a request to proceed to such evaluation and for the presentation of its results to the Committee on Budgets by the end of 2016 was adopted in the plenary on 14 April 2016 as part of Parliament's estimates of revenue and expenditure for the financial year 2017for; recalls that such an evaluation should have contained proposals as to how to ensure that the support provided by EPRS is better articulated with developments in the respective thematic committees and does not overlap with their activities nor encourage competition between services; expects that the evaluation will include detailed information on the external expertise, external studies and external support for Parliament's research activities including the number and the costs of studies and expertise provided by Parliament's internal services and external providers;***

requests the results of the evaluation to be provided to the Committee on Budgets by mid-2017 at the latest; takes note of the four specific projects being proposed by the Secretary-General to develop over the medium-term in the Parliament library, namely the digital library, improved resources for research, comparative law sources and open library;

Or. en

Amendment 95

Gérard Deprez, Nedzhmi Ali, Louis Michel, Jean Arthuis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Welcomes in particular the ever increasing quality of advice and research provided to Members and committees through the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS) and the policy departments; approves of the four specific projects being developed over the medium-term in the European Parliament library, namely the digital library, improved resources for research, comparative law sources and open library; considers these projects as a means to improve support to both Members and staff, as well as facilitating access to the external research community and citizens;

Amendment

24. Welcomes in particular the ever increasing quality of advice and research provided to Members and committees through the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS) and the policy departments; *recalls that a mid-term evaluation of the efficacy of the cooperation between the European EPRS and the policy departments was provided for when the EPRS was created in 2013; requests once again the Secretary-General to proceed to undertake such an evaluation and present to the Committee on Budgets its results before the Parliament's reading of the budget in autumn 2017;* approves of the four specific projects being developed over the medium-term in the European Parliament library, namely the digital library, improved resources for research, comparative law sources and open library; considers these projects as a means to improve support to both Members and staff, as well as facilitating access to the external research community and citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 96
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Welcomes in particular the ever increasing quality of advice and research provided to Members and committees through the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS) and the policy departments; approves *of* the four specific projects being developed over the medium-term in the European Parliament library, namely the digital library, improved resources for research, comparative law sources and open library; considers these projects as a means to improve support to both Members and staff, as well as facilitating access to the external research community and citizens;

Amendment

24. Welcomes in particular the ever increasing quality of advice and research provided to Members and committees through the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS) and the policy departments; approves the four specific projects being developed over the medium-term in the European Parliament library, namely the digital library, improved resources for research, comparative law sources and open library; considers these projects as a means to improve support to both Members and staff, as well as facilitating access to the external research community and citizens; ***notes the importance of these projects and the need to integrate them in the legislative work done by Members and staff members;***

Or. en

Amendment 97
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. ***Welcomes in particular the ever increasing quality of*** advice and research provided to Members and committees through the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS) and the policy departments; approves of the four specific projects being developed over the medium-term in the European Parliament library,

Amendment

24. ***Notes the*** advice and research provided to Members and committees through the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS) and the policy departments; approves of the four specific projects being developed over the medium-term in the European Parliament library, namely the digital library, improved

namely the digital library, improved resources for research, comparative law sources and open library; considers these projects as a means to improve support to both Members and staff, as well as facilitating access to the external research community and citizens;

resources for research, comparative law sources and open library; considers these projects as a means to improve support to both Members and staff, as well as facilitating access to the external research community and citizens; ***notes the need to maintain the corpus of the provided research and advice organised in a user-friendly and easily accessible manner;***

Or. en

Amendment 98 **Indrek Tarand**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 24**

Motion for a resolution

24. Welcomes ***in particular the ever increasing*** quality of advice and research provided to Members and committees through the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS) and the policy departments; approves of the four specific projects being developed over the medium-term in the European Parliament library, namely the digital library, improved resources for research, comparative law sources and open library; considers these projects as a means to improve support to both Members and staff, as well as facilitating access to the external research community and citizens;

Amendment

24. Welcomes quality of advice and research provided to Members and committees through the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS) and the policy departments; approves of the four specific projects being developed over the medium-term in the European Parliament library, namely the digital library, improved resources for research, comparative law sources and open library; considers these projects as a means to improve support to both Members and staff, as well as facilitating access to the external research community and citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 99 **Victor Negrescu**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 25**

Motion for a resolution

25. Notes that the recently revised Rules of Procedure¹² have limited Members to a maximum of three oral explanations of vote per part-session, but remains concerned about the additional costs required for interpretation that they generate; urges the Secretary-General to provide a detailed breakdown of the costs related to oral explanations of vote; indicates the availability of alternatives such as written explanations of vote as well as a wealth of public communications facilities within Parliament's premises for Members to explain their voting positions; calls, as an interim measure, for oral explanation of votes to be placed at the end of business each day on the plenary agenda;

¹² Texts adopted, P8_TA(2016)0484 - Rule 183(1).

Amendment

25. Notes that the recently revised Rules of Procedure¹² have limited Members to a maximum of three oral explanations of vote per part-session, but remains concerned about the additional costs required for interpretation that they generate; urges the Secretary-General to provide a detailed breakdown of the costs related to oral explanations of vote; indicates the availability of alternatives such as written explanations of vote as well as a wealth of public communications facilities within Parliament's premises for Members to explain their voting positions; calls, as an interim measure, for oral explanation of votes to be placed at the end of business each day on the plenary agenda, ***after the one minute speeches and other points on the agenda;***

¹² Texts adopted, P8_TA(2016)0484 - Rule 183(1).

Or. en

Amendment 100
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Notes that the recently revised Rules of Procedure¹² have limited Members to a maximum of three oral explanations of vote per part-session, ***but remains concerned about the additional costs required for interpretation that they generate; urges*** the Secretary-General to provide a detailed breakdown of the costs related to oral explanations of vote; ***indicates the availability of alternatives***

Amendment

25. Notes that the recently revised Rules of Procedure¹² have limited Members to a maximum of three oral explanations of vote per part-session; ***invites*** the Secretary-General to provide a detailed breakdown of the costs related to oral explanations of vote ***for the purposes of clarifying whether disproportional additional costs are required for interpretation that they generate;***

such as written explanations of vote as well as a wealth of public communications facilities within Parliament's premises for Members to explain their voting positions; calls, as an interim measure, for oral explanation of votes to be placed at the end of business each day on the plenary agenda;

¹² Texts adopted, P8_TA(2016)0484 - Rule 183(1).

*indicates the availability of alternatives as provided on and stipulated by the Rules of Procedure, such as written explanations of vote; calls for oral explanation of votes to be **regularly** placed at the end of business each day on the plenary agenda;*

¹² Texts adopted, P8_TA(2016)0484 - Rule 183(1).

Or. en

Amendment 101 **Indrek Tarand**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 25**

Motion for a resolution

25. Notes that the recently revised Rules of Procedure¹² have limited Members to a maximum of three oral explanations of vote per part-session, but remains concerned about the additional costs required for interpretation that they generate; urges the Secretary-General to provide a detailed breakdown of the costs related to oral explanations of vote; indicates the availability of alternatives such as written explanations of vote as well as a wealth of public communications facilities within Parliament's premises for Members to explain their voting positions; calls, as an interim measure, for oral explanation of votes to be placed at the end of business each day on the plenary agenda;

¹² Texts adopted, P8_TA(2016)0484 - Rule 183(1).

Amendment

25. Notes that the recently revised Rules of Procedure¹² have limited Members to a maximum of three oral explanations of vote per part-session, but remains concerned about the additional costs required for interpretation *as well as for the translation of the explanation transcripts* that they generate; urges the Secretary-General to provide a detailed breakdown of the costs related to oral explanations of vote; indicates the availability of alternatives such as written explanations of vote as well as a wealth of public communications facilities within Parliament's premises for Members to explain their voting positions; calls, as an interim measure, for oral explanation of votes to be placed at the end of business each day on the plenary agenda

¹² Texts adopted, P8_TA(2016)0484 - Rule 183(1).

Amendment 102
Marco Zanni, Sophie Montel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Believes that Members should be an example for citizens facing the disastrous effects of the economic crisis in several Member States and asks therefore for a reduction of at least 15% in their salaries and allowances; considers that the subsistence allowance should be paid on the basis of rigorous reporting proved by supporting documents;

Or. en

Amendment 103
Paul Rübig

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25 a. Recalls Parliament's resolutions of 29 April 2015 on Parliament's estimates of revenue and expenditure for the financial year 2016 and of 28 October 2015^{1a} on the Council position on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2016^{1b}; reiterates the appeal for greater transparency regarding the general expenditure allowance for Members; calls on Parliament's Bureau to work on more precise guidance regarding the accountability of the expenditure authorised under this allowance, without generating additional costs to Parliament;

^{1a} *Texts adopted, P8_TA(2015)0172*

^{1b} *Texts adopted, P8_TA(2015)0376*

Or. en

Amendment 104
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25 a. Recalls the obligation on Members to inform the administration immediately of any change in their declarations of interests; regrets that the CVs and declarations of interests of Members are uploaded to Parliament's website very late; believes that Members' declarations of interest should be published in a machine-readable format; is of the opinion that the ethical ad hoc advisory committee should be composed of independent experts and should conduct its work more transparently;

Or. en

Amendment 105
Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25 a. Disagrees with the need to change the furniture in the offices of Members and their assistants in Brussels; considers that the majority of this furniture is in proper condition and that therefore there is no reason to hange it; considers that

*furniture should only be changed when
there is a justified reason;*

Or. en

Amendment 106
Jens Geier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26. *In preparation for the ninth legislature, calls on the Secretary-General to submit to the Bureau a more precise list of expenses defrayable under the General Expenditure Allowance (GEA), as well as suggesting measures to improve the accountability of this expenditure, using best practice cases from national delegations in the Parliament and Member States; believes that Members should also be able to provide links on the Parliament website to places where they currently publish their spending records; reiterates that the improved transparency of the GEA should not require additional staff in Parliament's administration;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 107
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26. In preparation for the ninth legislature, calls on the Secretary-General to submit to the Bureau a more precise list of expenses defrayable under the General Expenditure Allowance (GEA), as well as

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suggesting measures to improve the accountability of this expenditure, using best practice cases from national delegations in the Parliament and Member States; believes that Members should also be able to provide links on the Parliament website to places where they currently publish their spending records; reiterates that the improved transparency of the GEA should not require additional staff in Parliament's administration;

suggesting measures to improve the accountability of this expenditure, using best practice cases from national delegations in the Parliament and Member States; ***calls for an annual expenses sheet from each Member***; believes that Members should also be able to provide links on the Parliament website to places where they currently publish their spending records; reiterates that the improved transparency of the GEA should not require additional staff in Parliament's administration; ***asks that the next revision of the Statute of Members will include the proposal of an annual mandatory publication of the use of the GEA***;

Or. en

Amendment 108 **Victor Negrescu**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 26**

Motion for a resolution

26. In preparation for the ninth legislature, calls on the Secretary-General to submit to the Bureau a more precise list of expenses defrayable under the General Expenditure Allowance (GEA), ***as well as suggesting measures to improve the accountability of this expenditure, using best practice cases from national delegations in the Parliament and Member States; believes that Members should also be able to provide links on the Parliament website to places where they currently publish their spending records; reiterates that the improved transparency of the GEA should not require additional staff in Parliament's administration***;

Amendment

26. In preparation for the ninth legislature, calls on the Secretary-General to submit to the Bureau a more precise list of expenses defrayable under the General Expenditure Allowance (GEA); ***reiterates the appeal for greater transparency regarding the general expenditure allowance for the Members; calls on the Bureau to work on a definition of more precise rules regarding the accountability of the expenditure authorised under this allowance, without generating additional costs to Parliament***;

Or. en

Amendment 109
Paul Rübig, Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. In preparation for the ninth legislature, calls on the Secretary-General to submit to the Bureau a *more precise* list of expenses *defrayable* under the General Expenditure Allowance (GEA), *as well as suggesting measures to improve the accountability of this expenditure, using best practice cases from national delegations in the Parliament and Member States; believes that Members should also be able to provide links on the Parliament website to places where they currently publish their spending records*; reiterates that the improved transparency of the GEA should not require additional staff in Parliament's administration;

Amendment

26. In preparation for the ninth legislature, calls on the Secretary-General to submit to the Bureau a list of expenses under the General Expenditure Allowance (GEA); *recalls the principle of the independence of the mandate; underlines that it is possible for Members who wish to do so to publish their spending record of the GEA on their personal webpages*; reiterates that the improved transparency of the GEA should not require additional staff in Parliament's administration;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. In preparation for the ninth legislature, calls on the Secretary-General to submit to the Bureau a more precise list of expenses defrayable under the General Expenditure Allowance (GEA), as well as suggesting measures to improve the accountability of this expenditure, using best practice cases from national delegations in the Parliament and Member States; believes that Members should also be able to provide links on the Parliament website to places where they currently

Amendment

26. In preparation for the ninth legislature, calls on the Secretary-General to submit to the Bureau a more precise list of expenses defrayable under the General Expenditure Allowance (GEA), as well as suggesting measures to improve the accountability of this expenditure *with the aim of making spending records public*, using *building on* best practice cases from national delegations in the Parliament and Member States; believes that Members should also be able to provide links on the

publish their spending records; reiterates that the improved transparency of the GEA should not require additional staff in Parliament's administration;

Parliament website to places where they currently publish their spending records; reiterates that the improved transparency of the GEA should not require additional staff in Parliament's administration;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Marco Zanni, Sophie Montel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. Asks the Bureau for better rules regarding the reimbursement of travels made by car; considers that all journeys, no matter the distance, should be proved by supporting documents;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26 a. Believes that Members should set an example to citizens who are facing the disastrous consequences of the economic crisis in several Member States and therefore calls for a reduction of at least 15% in their salaries and benefits, including the GEA;

Or. en

Amendment 113
Monika Hohlmeier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27. Considers that the current envelope of EUR 24 164 per month for parliamentary assistance per Member is more than adequate and should not be increased;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 114
Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27. Considers that the current envelope of EUR 24 164 per month for parliamentary assistance per Member is more than adequate and should not be increased;

27. Considers that the current envelope for parliamentary assistance per Member is adequate to support the current needs and should not be increased without prejudice to indexation of salaries and the alignment of mission expenses between Parliament's working places to the rules that apply to the rest the staff;

Or. en

Amendment 115
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27. Considers that the current envelope of EUR 24 164 per month for

27. Considers that the current envelope of EUR 24 164 per month for

parliamentary assistance per Member *is more than adequate and should not be increased*;

parliamentary assistance per Member *should be reconsidered and decreased to an appropriate level, such as the 2015 level*;

Or. en

Amendment 116
Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Considers that the current envelope of EUR 24 164 per month for parliamentary assistance per Member *is more than adequate and should not be increased*;

Amendment

27. Considers that the current envelope of EUR 24 164 per month for parliamentary assistance per Member should *be cut*;

Or. en

Amendment 117
Paul Rübig

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Considers *that the current envelope of EUR 24 164 per month for parliamentary assistance per Member is more than adequate and should not be increased*;

Amendment

27. Considers *it appropriate to keep the increase in budget line 422 'Expenditure related to parliamentary assistance' to a minimum*;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Considers that the current envelope of EUR 24 164 per month for parliamentary assistance per Member is ***more than*** adequate ***and should not be increased***;

Amendment

27. Considers that the current envelope of EUR 24 164 per month for parliamentary assistance per Member is ***overall*** adequate;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Marco Zanni, Sophie Montel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27a. Believes that, in order to reduce expenditure, the chauffeur service should only be provided to and from the airport or railway station to the place of work, with the use of minivans and buses at scheduled times; considers that all other travel should be privately arranged by Members;

Or. en

Amendment 120
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27 a. Recalls the request, adopted by the plenary in its abovementioned resolution of 14 April 2016 on Parliament's estimates for 2017, that the rules governing the reimbursement of mission

expenses related to travels between the Parliament's three working places and incurred by accredited parliamentary assistants (APAs) be revised in order to align them with the rules applicable to the rest of the staff, and regrets that, to date, no action has been taken in this regard; calls on the Bureau to address that issue without any further delay; meanwhile underlines that the current mission reimbursements ceilings for APAs (EUR 120/140/160) have not been adjusted since 2011 and that the discrepancy between APAs and other staff has further increased up to at least 40 % following the introduction of new ceilings approved by the Council on 9 September 2016 and so far only applied to staff officials as from 10 September 2016; calls therefore on the Bureau to take the necessary measures to remedy this inequality;

Or. en

Amendment 121

Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27 a. Recalls in this regard the request, adopted by the plenary in its abovementioned resolution of 14 April 2016 on Parliament's estimates for 2017, that the rules governing the reimbursement of mission expenses related to travels between the Parliament's working places and incurred by accredited parliamentary assistants be revised in order to align them with the rules applicable to the rest of the staff and regrets that no action has been taken to date; calls on the Bureau to swiftly address this issue; meanwhile underlines that the current mission reimbursements

ceilings for APAs (EUR 120/140/160) have not been adjusted since 2009 and that the discrepancy between APAs and other staff has further increased up to at least 40 % following the introduction of new ceilings approved by the Council on 9 September 2016 and so far only applied to staff officials as from 10 September 2016; calls therefore on the Bureau to take the necessary measures to remedy this inequality;

Or. en

Amendment 122
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27 a. Calls for a transparent and appropriate use of reimbursement of the Members' travel expenses and recommends incentivising the use of economy class both with regard to air transport and to rail transport; calls for full transparency in this regard, above all concerning travel by car within the Member State of election and recommends, with regard to such travel, at the end of the mandate, the publication of all reimbursement requests submitted over the five years of mandate, such as dates and the kilometres travelled;

Or. en

Amendment 123
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27 a. Notes that in the total Parliament budget, Members' expenditure represents only 21 % of the total, less than the allocation for Parliament staff and for other expenditure; reiterates the need to refocus the work of Parliament on the elected officials, the legislative procedures and keeping better and closer contact with the constituencies;

Or. en

Amendment 124
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27 b. Points out that in cases of harassment or whistle-blowing, APAs are in a particularly vulnerable position, as their contracts are based on mutual trust between the Member and the assistant and that, if this trust is lacking, that in itself is reason for terminating the contract and that, furthermore, if a Member has to resign because of reputational damage as a consequence of harassment or other irregularities, this normally means that the contracts of all his or her assistants will also be terminated; calls therefore for the immediate strengthening of the representation of APAs in the advisory committee on harassment;

Or. en

Amendment 125
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27 b. Firmly believes that the Parliament chauffeur service should be used by Members exclusively for reaching Parliament's premises from the airport or station or vice versa, by using Parliament minivans and minibuses, and calls for a restricted weekday budget for taxi reimbursement requests; recalls that Members have the opportunity to freely use rail transport in Belgium;

Or. en

Amendment 126
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27 c. Calls on the Conference of Presidents and the Bureau to reconsider the possibility for APAs, subject to certain conditions, to accompany Members on official Parliament Delegations and Missions, as already requested by several Members; is of the view that Members should decide whether their assistants should accompany them on official delegations, using their parliamentary assistance allowance envelope;

Or. en

Amendment 127
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. ***Welcomes*** the proposal to reduce ***the establishment plan of Parliament's Secretariat*** by 60 posts ***in order to comply with Point 27 of the IIA of 2 December 2013, namely, a progressive 5% staff reduction in all institutions, bodies and agencies between 2013 and 2017; highlights that owing to specific needs arising in Parliament in 2014 and 2016, an agreement was reached with the Council on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2016¹³, in which Parliament's annual staff reduction measures are set to continue until 2019;***

¹³ *Texts adopted, P8_TA(2015)0407.*

Amendment

28. ***Regrets*** the proposal to reduce by 60 posts ***the staff of the Parliament; considers that Parliament's primary objective is legislative excellence, and that this staff reduction scheme hinders this aspiration;***

Or. en

Amendment 128
Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Welcomes the proposal to reduce the establishment plan of Parliament's Secretariat by 60 posts in order to comply with Point 27 of the IIA of 2 December 2013, namely, a progressive 5% staff reduction in all institutions, bodies and agencies between 2013 and 2017; highlights that owing to specific needs arising in Parliament in 2014 and 2016, an agreement was reached with the Council on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2016¹³, in which Parliament's annual staff reduction

Amendment

28. Welcomes the proposal to reduce the establishment plan of Parliament's Secretariat by 60 posts in order to comply with Point 27 of the IIA of 2 December 2013, namely, a progressive 5% staff reduction in all institutions, bodies and agencies between 2013 and 2017; ***however believes that a much larger staff reduction target should be implemented;*** highlights that owing to specific needs arising in Parliament in 2014 and 2016, an agreement was reached with the Council on the draft general budget of the European Union for

measures are set to continue until 2019;

the financial year 2016¹³, in which
Parliament's annual staff reduction
measures are set to continue until 2019;

¹³ Texts adopted, P8_TA(2015)0407.

¹³ Texts adopted, P8_TA(2015)0407.

Or. en

Amendment 129

Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. ***Welcomes the proposal to reduce the establishment plan of Parliament's Secretariat by 60 posts in order to comply with*** Point 27 of the IIA of 2 December 2013, ***namely***, a progressive 5% staff reduction ***in*** all institutions, bodies and agencies between 2013 and 2017; highlights that owing to specific needs arising in Parliament in 2014 and 2016, an agreement was reached with the Council on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2016¹³, in which Parliament's annual staff reduction measures are set to continue until 2019;

¹³ Texts adopted, P8_TA(2015)0407.

Amendment

28. ***Pursuant to*** Point 27 of the IIA of 2 December 2013 ***on*** a progressive 5 % staff reduction ***applying to*** all institutions, bodies and agencies between 2013 and 2017, highlights that owing to specific needs arising in Parliament in 2014 and 2016, an agreement was reached with the Council on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2016¹³, in which Parliament's annual staff reduction measures are set to continue until 2019;

¹³ Texts adopted, P8_TA(2015)0407.

Or. en

Amendment 130

Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28 a. *Considers that the cuts to posts within Parliament's administration based on the targeted staff reduction should not come at the expense of smaller Union languages or smaller Member States;*

Or. en

Amendment 131

Marco Zanni, Sophie Montel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. *Notes that, while political groups have been exempted from these annual staff reduction measures since 2014¹⁴, the conciliation agreement on the 2017 budget included an increase of 76 posts for political groups, fully compensated by a decrease in posts from the establishment plan of Parliament's Secretariat;*

Amendment

29. *Regrets the conciliation agreement on the 2017 budget with an increase of 76 posts for political groups; believes that the total level of staff in political groups should be included in the 5 % staff reduction target;*

¹⁴ *Texts adopted, P7_TA(2013)0437; Texts adopted, P8_TA(2014)0036; Texts adopted, P8_TA(2015)0376; Texts adopted, P8_TA(2016)0411.*

Or. en

Amendment 132

Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. *Notes that, while political groups*

Amendment

29. *Strongly opposes the fact that*

have been exempted from these annual staff reduction measures since 2014¹⁴, the conciliation agreement on the 2017 budget included an increase of 76 posts for political groups, fully compensated by a decrease in posts from the establishment plan of Parliament's Secretariat;

¹⁴ Texts adopted, P7_TA(2013)0437; Texts adopted, P8_TA(2014)0036; Texts adopted, P8_TA(2015)0376; Texts adopted, P8_TA(2016)0411.

political groups have been exempted from these annual staff reduction measures since 2014¹⁴ **and rejects** the conciliation agreement on the 2017 budget **which** included an increase of 76 posts for political groups, fully compensated by a decrease in posts from the establishment plan of Parliament's Secretariat;

¹⁴ Texts adopted, P7_TA(2013)0437; Texts adopted, P8_TA(2014)0036; Texts adopted, P8_TA(2015)0376; Texts adopted, P8_TA(2016)0411.

Or. en

Amendment 133 **Eleftherios Synadinos**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 29**

Motion for a resolution

29. **Notes** that, while political groups have been exempted from these annual staff reduction measures since 2014¹⁴, the conciliation agreement on the 2017 budget included an increase of 76 posts for political groups, fully compensated by **a** decrease in posts from the establishment plan of Parliament's Secretariat;

¹⁴ Texts adopted, P7_TA(2013)0437; Texts adopted, P8_TA(2014)0036; Texts adopted, P8_TA(2015)0376; Texts adopted, P8_TA(2016)0411.

Amendment

29. **Stresses** that, while political groups have been exempted from these annual staff reduction measures since 2014¹⁴, the conciliation agreement on the 2017 budget included an increase of 76 posts for political groups, fully compensated by **an equal** decrease in posts from the establishment plan of Parliament's Secretariat;

¹⁴ Texts adopted, P7_TA(2013)0437; Texts adopted, P8_TA(2014)0036; Texts adopted, P8_TA(2015)0376; Texts adopted, P8_TA(2016)0411.

Or. en

Amendment 134 **Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Nicola Caputo**

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Notes that, while political groups have been exempted from these annual staff reduction measures since 2014¹⁴, the conciliation agreement on the 2017 budget ***included an increase of 76 posts for political groups, fully compensated by a decrease in posts from the establishment plan of Parliament's Secretariat;***

¹⁴ Texts adopted, P7_TA(2013)0437; Texts adopted, P8_TA(2014)0036; Texts adopted, P8_TA(2015)0376; Texts adopted, P8_TA(2016)0411.

Amendment

29. Notes that, while political groups have been exempted from these annual staff reduction measures since 2014¹⁴, the conciliation agreement on the 2017 budget ***has led to a decrease in posts from the establishment plan of Parliament's Secretariat because of the non-respect of the gentleman's agreement by the Council;***

¹⁴ Texts adopted, P7_TA(2013)0437; Texts adopted, P8_TA(2014)0036; Texts adopted, P8_TA(2015)0376; Texts adopted, P8_TA(2016)0411.

Or. en

Amendment 135
Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29 a. Recalls that the total level of staff in political groups is exempted from the 5 % staff reduction target in line with the decisions taken in respect of the financial years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017;

Or. en

Amendment 136
Marco Zanni, Sophie Montel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30. *Considers that the loss of 136 posts from the Parliament's Secretariat in 2016, due to the annual staff reduction and increase of political group staff posts, may create difficulties for the provision of services by the Parliament's administration; calls on the Secretary-General to provide more information regarding staff reduction measures last year, and to evaluate the consequences of budgetary decisions on the functioning of the institution;* *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 137

Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Jean-Paul Denanot, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30. *Considers that the loss of 136 posts from the Parliament's Secretariat in 2016, due to the annual staff reduction and increase of political group staff posts, may create difficulties for the provision of services by the Parliament's administration; calls on the Secretary-General to provide more information regarding staff reduction measures last year, and to evaluate the consequences of budgetary decisions on the functioning of the institution;* *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 138

Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Considers that the loss of 136 posts from the Parliament's Secretariat in 2016, due to the annual staff reduction and **increase of political group staff posts**, may create **difficulties** for the provision of services by the Parliament's administration; calls on the Secretary-General to provide more information regarding staff reduction measures last year, and to evaluate the consequences of budgetary decisions on the functioning of the institution;

Amendment

30. Considers that the loss of 136 posts from the Parliament's Secretariat in 2016, due to the annual staff reduction and **the transfer of posts to political groups**, may create **challenges** for the provision of services by the Parliament's administration; calls on the Secretary-General to provide more information regarding staff reduction measures last year, and to evaluate the consequences of budgetary decisions on the functioning of the institution **more generally; calls on the Secretary-General to proceed with great care when taking decisions implementing the losses of the posts, avoiding cuts where the core business of Parliament, such as legislative or budgetary work could be affected;**

Or. en

Amendment 139
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Considers that the loss of 136 posts from the Parliament's Secretariat in 2016, due to the annual staff reduction and increase of political group staff posts, may create difficulties for the provision of services by the Parliament's administration; calls on the Secretary-General to provide more information regarding staff reduction measures last year, and to evaluate the consequences of budgetary decisions on the functioning of the institution;

Amendment

30. Considers that the loss of 136 posts from the Parliament's Secretariat in 2016, due to the annual staff reduction and increase of political group staff posts, may create difficulties for the provision of services by the Parliament's administration; calls on the Secretary-General to provide more information regarding staff reduction measures last year **and the progressive 5 % staff reduction planned to take place this year**, and to evaluate the consequences of budgetary decisions on the functioning of the institution;

Amendment 140
Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. ***Considers that*** the loss of 136 posts from the Parliament's Secretariat in 2016, due to the annual staff reduction ***and increase of political group staff posts, may create difficulties for the provision of services by the Parliament's administration;*** calls on the Secretary-General to provide more information regarding staff reduction measures last year, and to evaluate the consequences of budgetary decisions on the functioning of the institution;

Amendment

30. ***Welcomes*** the loss of 136 posts from the Parliament's Secretariat in 2016, due to the annual staff reduction, ***however believes much more can be done;*** calls on the Secretary-General to provide more information regarding staff reduction measures last year, and to evaluate the consequences of budgetary decisions on the functioning of the institution;

Or. en

Amendment 141
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Considers that the loss of 136 posts from the Parliament's Secretariat in 2016, due to the annual staff reduction and increase of political group staff posts, may ***create difficulties for*** the provision of services by the Parliament's administration; calls on the Secretary-General to provide more information regarding staff reduction measures last year, and to evaluate the consequences of budgetary decisions on the functioning of the institution;

Amendment

30. Considers that the ***regretful*** loss of 136 posts from the Parliament's Secretariat in 2016, due to the annual staff reduction and ***the respective*** increase of political group staff posts, may ***affect*** the provision of services by the Parliament's administration; calls on the Secretary-General to provide more information regarding staff reduction measures last year, and to evaluate the consequences of budgetary decisions on the functioning of the institution;

Amendment 142
Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31. Welcomes, in light of these reduction measures, the proposal to convert 50 permanent AST posts into 50 permanent AD posts, which has a negligent budgetary impact; notes in addition, the proposal to convert three temporary AST posts into three temporary AD post's in the President's cabinet;

deleted

Amendment 143
Marco Zanni, Sophie Montel, Stanisław Żółtek

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31. Welcomes, in light of these reduction measures, the proposal to convert 50 permanent AST posts into 50 permanent AD posts, which has a negligent budgetary impact; notes in addition, the proposal to convert three temporary AST posts into three temporary AD post's in the President's cabinet;

31. Regrets the proposal to convert 50 permanent AST posts into 50 permanent AD posts; condemns moreover the proposal to convert three temporary AST posts into three temporary AD posts in the President's cabinet;

Amendment 144
Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Welcomes, in light of *these* reduction measures, the proposal to convert 50 permanent AST posts into 50 permanent AD posts, which has a negligent budgetary impact; notes in addition, the proposal to convert three temporary AST posts into three temporary AD post's in the President's cabinet;

Amendment

31. Welcomes, in light of *the staff* reduction measures, the proposal to convert 50 permanent AST posts into 50 permanent AD posts, which has a negligent budgetary impact; notes in addition, the proposal to convert three temporary AST posts into three temporary AD posts in the President's cabinet;

Or. en

Amendment 145
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. *Welcomes, in light of these reduction measures*, the proposal to convert 50 permanent AST posts into 50 permanent AD posts, which has a *negligent* budgetary impact; notes in addition, the proposal to convert three temporary AST posts into three temporary AD post's in the President's cabinet;

Amendment

31. *Notes* the proposal to convert 50 permanent AST posts into 50 permanent AD posts, which has a budgetary impact, *albeit limited*; notes in addition, the proposal to convert three temporary AST posts into three temporary AD posts in the President's cabinet;

Or. en

Amendment 146
Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31 a. Calls on the Bureau to ensure that APA's social and pension rights are

respected and that financial means are made available, in particular concerning those APAs that have been employed by MEPs without interruption for the last two legislative parliamentary terms; in this regard, invites the administration to put forward a proposal that takes into account the decision to have early election in 2014, as well as the time spent in the recruitment procedure when calculating the 10 years of service period set out in the Staff Regulations;

Or. en

Amendment 147

Paul Rübig

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31 a. Believes that, in a period in which the financial and personnel resources available to the Union institutions are likely to be increasingly constrained, it is important that the institutions themselves are able to recruit and retain the most able staff to meet the complex challenges ahead in a way consistent with the principles of performance based budgeting;

Or. en

Amendment 148

Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Jean-Paul Denanot, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32. Considers that interpretation and

32. Considers that interpretation and

translation are essential to the functioning of the House; re-iterates Parliament's position expressed in its abovementioned resolution of 14 April 2016 that the Secretary-General should make further rationalisation proposals, such as extending the use of translation and interpretation on demand, as well as examining the potential efficiency gains from utilising latest language technologies, and assessing the impact of the revised framework for staff interpreters in improving resource-efficiency and productivity;

translation are essential to the functioning of the House ***and acknowledges the quality and added value of services provided by the interpreters***; re-iterates Parliament's position expressed in its abovementioned resolution of 14 April 2016 that the Secretary-General should make further rationalisation proposals, such as extending the use of translation and interpretation on demand, ***particularly for Intergroups of the European Parliament***, as well as examining the potential efficiency gains from utilising latest language technologies, and assessing the impact of the revised framework for staff interpreters in improving resource-efficiency and productivity;

Or. en

Amendment 149 **Younous Omarjee**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 32**

Motion for a resolution

32. Considers that interpretation and translation are essential to the functioning of the House; re-iterates Parliament's position expressed in its abovementioned resolution of 14 April 2016 that the Secretary-General should make further rationalisation proposals, such as extending the use of translation and interpretation on demand, as well as examining the potential efficiency gains from utilising latest language technologies, and assessing the impact of the revised framework for staff interpreters in improving resource-efficiency and productivity;

Amendment

32. Considers that interpretation and translation are essential to the functioning of the House; re-iterates Parliament's position expressed in its abovementioned resolution of 14 April 2016 that the Secretary-General should make further rationalisation proposals, such as extending the use of translation and interpretation on demand, as well as examining the potential efficiency gains from utilising latest language technologies ***as a helping tool for interpreters and not a measure to substitute human resources***, and assessing the impact of the revised framework for staff interpreters in improving resource-efficiency and productivity;

Or. en

Amendment 150
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Considers that interpretation and translation are *essential* to the functioning of the House; re-iterates Parliament's position expressed in its abovementioned resolution of 14 April 2016 that the Secretary-General should make further rationalisation proposals, such as extending the use of translation and interpretation on demand, as well as examining the potential efficiency gains from utilising latest language technologies, and assessing the impact of the revised framework for staff interpreters in improving resource-efficiency and productivity;

Amendment

32. Considers that interpretation and translation are *paramount to the effectiveness and pivotal* to the functioning of the House; re-iterates Parliament's position expressed in its abovementioned resolution of 14 April 2016 that the Secretary-General should make further rationalisation *efforts and* proposals, such as extending the use of translation and interpretation on demand, as well as examining the potential efficiency gains from utilising *and investing on* latest language technologies, and assessing the impact of the revised framework for staff interpreters in improving resource-efficiency and productivity;

Or. en

Amendment 151
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. *Welcomes the continuation of* measures taken by the Parliament to introduce Irish as a full official language by 1 January 2021; notes in this regard that no further posts will be required in 2018; nevertheless *asks* the Secretary-General to continue to consult Irish Members with a view to possible resource-efficiencies, without compromising the guaranteed rights of Members;

Amendment

33. *Notes the* measures taken by the Parliament to introduce Irish as a full official language by 1 January 2021; notes in this regard that no further posts will be required in 2018; nevertheless *invites* the Secretary-General to continue to consult Irish Members with a view to possible resource-efficiencies, without compromising the guaranteed rights of Members;

Amendment 152
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33 a. Recalls the decision taken by Parliament to establish interpretation in International Sign language for all plenary debates in order to make at least these accessible to all European citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 153
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34. Urges the Secretary-General to build on the existing cooperation agreements between the Parliament, the Committee of the Regions and the European Economic and Social Committee, with a view to identifying other areas in which back office functions could be shared; calls in addition, for the Secretary-General to undertake a study on possible synergies in back office functions and services that can also be made between the Parliament, the Commission and the Council;

34. Urges the Secretary-General to build on the existing cooperation agreements between the Parliament, the Committee of the Regions and the European Economic and Social Committee, with a view to **maximising synergies by** identifying other areas in which back office functions could be shared; calls in addition, for the Secretary-General to undertake a study on possible **proposals on** synergies in back office functions and services that can also be made between the Parliament, the Commission and the Council **and consequently proceed with initiating the establishment of the respective cooperation agreements;**

Or. en

Amendment 154
Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. Urges the Secretary-General to build on the existing cooperation agreements between the Parliament, the Committee of the Regions and the European Economic and Social Committee, with a view to identifying other areas in which back office functions could be *shared*; calls in addition, for the Secretary-General to undertake a study on possible synergies in back office functions and services that can also be made between the Parliament, the Commission and the Council;

Amendment

34. Urges the Secretary-General to build on the existing cooperation agreements between the Parliament, the Committee of the Regions and the European Economic and Social Committee, with a view to identifying other areas in which back office functions could be *reduced*; calls in addition, for the Secretary-General to undertake a study on possible synergies in back office functions and services that can also be made between the Parliament, the Commission and the Council;

Or. en

Amendment 155
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

34 a. Notes with concern that the internalisation of Parliament's driver service not only considerably increases Parliament's expenses for 2018 by more than EUR 3,68 million compared to pre-internalisation numbers, but did not provide job security for long-serving drivers, some of whom have passed the entry exam and have not been recruited;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 156
Alfred Sant

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34 a. Requests that when awarding new managerial posts in Parliament, a balance which reflects both geographical and gender distribution of such positions should be sought;

Or. en

Amendment 157
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34 b. Regrets the absence of a unit equivalent to EMAS covering social issues, notably in the establishment of contractual procedures in public procurement in which the European institutions take part and in order to guarantee a control on the execution of contracts; calls for the establishment of a such a unit within the Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 158
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34 c. Calls on the Bureau to evaluate

and, where necessary revise, the rules governing the statute of trainees, including introducing minimum remuneration and harmonising catering-related price offers for all trainees both in the Parliament's administration and in the Members' offices in order to ensure equal treatment and to protect social rights of trainees;

Or. en

Amendment 159
Younous Omarjee

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34 d. *Call on the Bureau to revise the rules related to APAs in consultation with the APA Committee, and to implement a dismissal procedure by mutual consent between Members and APAs*

Or. en

Amendment 160
Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35. *Notes that the proposed expenditure relating to political parties amounts to EUR 32,4 million and the proposed expenditure relating to political foundations amounts to EUR 19,3 million, totalling EUR 51,8 million or 2,6% of the Parliament's budget for 2018;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 161

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. *Notes* that the proposed expenditure relating to political parties amounts to EUR 32,4 million and the proposed expenditure relating to political foundations amounts to EUR 19,3 million, totalling EUR 51,8 million or 2,6% of the Parliament's budget for 2018;

Amendment

35. *Regrets* that the proposed expenditure relating to political parties amounts to EUR 32,4 million and the proposed expenditure relating to political foundations amounts to EUR 19,3 million, totalling EUR 51,8 million or 2,6% of the Parliament's budget for 2018;

Or. en

Amendment 162

Marco Zanni, Sophie Montel, Stanisław Żółtek

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. *Notes that the proposed expenditure relating to political parties amounts to EUR 32,4 million and the proposed expenditure relating to political foundations amounts to EUR 19,3 million, totalling EUR 51,8 million or 2,6% of the Parliament's budget for 2018;*

Amendment

35. *Condemns the 2018 augmentation of the appropriations for the funding of European political parties and European political foundations, reaching a global amount of EUR 51 770 000, which represents an increase of more than 250 % as compared to 2008;*

Or. en

Amendment 163

Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 35 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35 a. *Underlines that European political parties and foundations play a key role in building European political awareness and increasing citizens' understanding of the connection between the political processes at the national and European levels;*

Or. en

Amendment 164

Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 35 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35 b. *Recalls that European political parties and foundations contribute to forming European political awareness and expressing the will of citizens of the Union, and that those principles are rooted in Article 10 of the Treaty on European Union and Article 12(2) of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union;*

Or. en

Amendment 165

Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 35 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35 c. *Stresses that European political parties and foundations must respect in their programmes and in their activities the values on which the Union is funded,*

*namely respect for human dignity,
freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of
law and respect for human rights;*

Or. en

Amendment 166

Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Jean-Paul Denanot, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**36. Considers that recent controversies
surrounding the funding of European
political parties and political foundations
have exposed weaknesses in existing
management and control systems;** *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 167

Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**36. Considers that recent controversies
surrounding the funding of European
political parties and political foundations
have exposed weaknesses in existing
management and control systems;**

**36. Considers that recent *justified*
controversies surrounding the *ad hoc*
interpretation of the rules regarding the
funding of European political parties and
political foundations have exposed
weaknesses in existing management and
control systems *which could lead to*
accusations of bias; notes that those
potential failings directly lead to questions
on how the system of checks and balances
*is best served;***

Or. en

Amendment 168

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Considers that recent controversies surrounding the funding of European political parties and political foundations have ***exposed*** weaknesses in existing management and control systems;

Amendment

36. Considers that recent controversies surrounding the funding of European political parties and political foundations have ***showed and demonstrated*** weaknesses in existing management and control systems ***and calls for a complete annulation of those expenditures***;

Or. en

Amendment 169

Paul Rübig

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Considers that recent controversies surrounding the funding of European political parties and political foundations have exposed weaknesses in existing management and control systems;

Amendment

36. Considers that recent controversies surrounding the funding of ***some*** European political parties and ***some*** political foundations have exposed weaknesses in existing management and control systems;

Or. en

Amendment 170

Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 36 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36 a. Recalls that public financing provided for European political parties and foundations contributes to the

Amendment 171
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. Believes that the entry into force of Regulations (EU) No 1141/2014¹⁵ and (EU) No 1142/2014¹⁶ will provide additional control mechanisms, such as the requirement to register with the Authority for European political parties and political foundations; considers however that there is **further** room for improvement to these measures; notes that parties and foundations will begin to apply for funding under the new rules in the budgetary year 2018;

¹⁵ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations (OJ L 317, 4.11.2014, p. 1).

¹⁶ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1142/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 as regards the financing of European political parties (OJ L 317, 4.11.2014, p. 28).

Amendment

37. Believes that the entry into force of Regulations (EU) No 1141/2014¹⁵ and (EU) No 1142/2014¹⁶ will provide additional control mechanisms **and disillusioning bureaucratic layers**, such as the requirement to register with the Authority for European political parties and political foundations; considers however that there is **substantial** room for improvement to these measures; notes that parties and foundations will begin to apply for funding under the new rules in the budgetary year 2018; **believes that the fairness and the balanced and non-partisan nature of the new rules remains to be seen upon their application;**

¹⁵ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations (OJ L 317, 4.11.2014, p. 1).

¹⁶ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1142/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 as regards the financing of European political parties (OJ L 317, 4.11.2014, p. 28).

Amendment 172

Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Jean-Paul Denanot, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. Believes that the entry into force of Regulations (EU) No 1141/2014¹⁵ and (EU) No 1142/2014¹⁶ will provide additional control mechanisms, such as the requirement to register with the Authority for European political parties and political foundations; ***considers however that there is further room for improvement to these measures***; notes that parties and foundations will begin to apply for funding under the new rules in the budgetary year 2018;

¹⁵ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations (OJ L 317, 4.11.2014, p. 1).

¹⁶ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1142/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 as regards the financing of European political parties (OJ L 317, 4.11.2014, p. 28).

Amendment

37. Believes that the entry into force of Regulations (EU) No 1141/2014¹⁵ and (EU) No 1142/2014¹⁶ will provide additional control mechanisms, such as the requirement to register with the Authority for European political parties and political foundations; notes that parties and foundations will begin to apply for funding under the new rules in the budgetary year 2018;

¹⁵ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations (OJ L 317, 4.11.2014, p. 1).

¹⁶ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1142/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 as regards the financing of European political parties (OJ L 317, 4.11.2014, p. 28).

Or. en

Amendment 173

Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Jean-Paul Denanot, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. Highlights that a number of issues have been identified with the current system of co-financing, in which contributions and grants from the Parliament's budget for both parties and foundations cannot exceed 85% of eligible expenditure, with the remaining 15% to be covered by own resources; *notes for instance that shortfalls in membership contributions and donations are often balanced by contributions-in-kind, despite difficulties in determining both their value and their necessity in realising the work programme of a party or foundation;*

Amendment

38. Highlights that a number of issues have been identified with the current system of co-financing, in which contributions and grants from the Parliament's budget for both parties and foundations cannot exceed 85% of eligible expenditure, with the remaining 15% to be covered by own resources;

Or. en

Amendment 174

Monika Vana

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. Highlights that a number of issues have been identified with the current system of co-financing, in which contributions and grants from the Parliament's budget for both parties and foundations cannot exceed 85% of eligible expenditure, with the remaining 15% to be covered by own resources; notes for instance that shortfalls in membership contributions and donations are often balanced by contributions-in-kind, *despite difficulties in determining both their value and their necessity in realising the work programme of a party or foundation;*

Amendment

38. Highlights that a number of issues have been identified with the current system of co-financing, in which contributions and grants from the Parliament's budget for both parties and foundations cannot exceed 85% of eligible expenditure, with the remaining 15% to be covered by own resources; notes for instance that shortfalls in membership contributions and donations are often balanced by contributions-in-kind

Or. en

Amendment 175
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. Highlights that ***a number of*** issues have been identified with the current system of co-financing, in which contributions and grants from the Parliament's budget for both parties and foundations cannot exceed 85% of eligible expenditure, with the remaining 15% to be covered by own resources; notes ***for instance*** that shortfalls in membership contributions and donations are often balanced by contributions-in-kind, despite difficulties in determining both their value and their necessity in realising the work programme of a party or foundation;

Amendment

38. Highlights that ***certain*** issues have been identified with the current system of co-financing, in which contributions and grants from the Parliament's budget for both parties and foundations cannot exceed 85% of eligible expenditure, with the remaining 15% to be covered by own resources; notes that shortfalls in membership contributions and donations are often balanced by contributions-in-kind, despite difficulties in determining both their value and their necessity in realising the work programme of a party or foundation;

Or. en

Amendment 176
Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Jean-Paul Denanot, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

39. Believes that European political parties and foundations should become more reliant on own resources and reduce their dependency on the Parliament's budget; considers that the 85% upper limit of contributions or grants should be progressively lowered; maintains that an increasing reliance on own resources would lower the risk to the Parliament's budget in recovering amounts erroneously or fraudulently spent;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 177

Monika Vana

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

39. Believes that European political parties and foundations should become more reliant on own resources and reduce their dependency on the Parliament's budget; considers that the 85% upper limit of contributions or grants should be progressively lowered; maintains that an increasing reliance on own resources would lower the risk to the Parliament's budget in recovering amounts erroneously or fraudulently spent;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 178

Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

39. Believes that European political parties and foundations should become more reliant on own resources and reduce their dependency on the Parliament's budget; considers that the 85% upper limit of contributions or grants should be progressively lowered; ***maintains*** that an increasing reliance on own resources ***would lower*** the risk to the Parliament's budget in recovering amounts erroneously or fraudulently spent;

Amendment

39. Supports the idea that European political parties and foundations should become more reliant on ***transparent*** own resources, ***including donations and membership contributions***, and reduce their dependency on the Parliament's budget; considers that the ***generous*** 85% upper limit of contributions or grants should be progressively lowered; ***believes*** that an increasing reliance on own resources ***is ethically justified***; ***notes that*** the risk to the Parliament's budget in recovering amounts erroneously or fraudulently spent ***would also be decreased if the percentage contributions or the***

amounts per se also decreased; notes that any decisions on increasing reliability on own resources is based solely on an understanding of how political parties should ethically function and should not impact on the pluralistic nature of democratic participation;

Or. en

Amendment 179
Jonathan Arnott

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

39. Believes that European political parties and foundations should *become more reliant on own resources and reduce their dependency on the Parliament's budget; considers that the 85% upper limit of contributions or grants should be progressively lowered; maintains that an increasing reliance on own resources would lower the risk to the Parliament's budget in recovering amounts erroneously or fraudulently spent;*

Amendment

39. Believes that European political parties and foundations should ***not be funded by the taxpayer;***

Or. en

Amendment 180
Paul Rübig

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

39. Believes that *European political parties and foundations should become more reliant on own resources and reduce their dependency on the Parliament's budget; considers that the 85% upper*

Amendment

39. Believes that *increasing the upper limit of contributions or grants for European political parties and foundations will allow an increased accountability of European political*

limit of contributions or grants should be progressively lowered; maintains that an increasing reliance on own resources would lower the risk to the Parliament's budget in recovering amounts erroneously or fraudulently spent;

parties towards the Parliament; considers that 95 % should be the upper limit of contributions or grants;

Or. en

Amendment 181

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

39. Believes that European political parties and foundations should become **more** reliant on own resources and **reduce** their dependency on the Parliament's budget; considers that **the 85% upper** limit of contributions or grants should be **progressively lowered**; maintains that **an increasing** reliance on own resources would **lower** the risk to the Parliament's budget in recovering amounts erroneously or fraudulently spent;

Amendment

39. Believes that European political parties and foundations should become **totally** reliant on own resources and **cut** their dependency on the Parliament's budget; considers that **any** limit of contributions or grants should be **totally cut**; maintains that **only a complete** reliance on own resources would **eliminate** the risk to the Parliament's budget in recovering amounts erroneously or fraudulently spent;

Or. en

Amendment 182

Indrek Tarand

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 39 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39 a. Urges the Secretary-General to build on the existing cooperation agreements between the Parliament, the Committee of the Regions and the European Economic and Social Committee, with a view to identifying

other areas in which back office functions could be partially or fully shared; calls in addition, for the Secretary-General to undertake a study on possible synergies in back office functions and services that can also be made between the Parliament, the Commission and the Council;

Or. en

Amendment 183
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40

Motion for a resolution

40. Notes the ongoing dialogue between the European Parliament and national parliaments; calls ***on*** this to be ***strengthened in order to develop a better understanding of the contribution of the European Parliament and the Union in Member States;***

Amendment

40. Notes the ongoing dialogue between the European Parliament and national parliaments; calls ***for*** this to be ***significantly strengthened and further normalised;***

Or. en

Amendment 184
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

40 a. regrets the high cost of the Parliament information offices located within the Union and in Washington; asks for a substantial reduction in the costs related to the 36 EP information offices through their merger with national parliaments;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 185

Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 41

Motion for a resolution

41. Notes the request for external studies and opinions in order to support the work of committees and other political bodies in analysing the possible impact of Brexit; emphasises that until the negotiations on the UK's exit from the Union are concluded the UK remains a full member of the Union and all the rights and obligations of membership remain in force; underlines therefore that the decision of the UK to withdraw from the Union is unlikely to have an impact on the Parliament's 2018 budget;

Amendment

41. Notes the request for external studies and opinions in order to support the work of committees and other political bodies in analysing the possible impact of Brexit, ***including the budgetary consequences for Parliament; questions the necessity to call for external studies and opinions instead of having recourse to the wealth of research services within the Parliament***; emphasises that until the negotiations on the UK's exit from the Union are concluded the UK remains a full member of the Union and all the rights and obligations of membership remain in force; underlines therefore that the decision of the UK to withdraw from the Union is unlikely to have an impact on the Parliament's 2018 budget;

Or. en

Amendment 186

Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 41

Motion for a resolution

41. Notes the request for external studies and opinions in order to support the work of committees and other political bodies in analysing the possible impact of Brexit; emphasises that until the negotiations on the UK's exit from the Union are concluded the UK remains a full member of the Union and all the rights and

Amendment

41. Notes the request for external studies and opinions in order to support the work of committees and other political bodies in analysing the possible impact of Brexit; emphasises that until the negotiations on the UK's exit from the Union are concluded the UK remains a full member of the Union and all the rights and

obligations of membership remain in force; *underlines* therefore that the *decision of the UK to withdraw from the Union is unlikely* to have an impact on the Parliament's *2018 budget*;

obligations of membership *as stipulated by the Treaties and other agreements* remain *fully binding and* in force; *expects* therefore that the *UK's withdrawal procedures are not likely* to have an impact on the Parliament's *budget effective on 2018*;

Or. en

Amendment 187
Alain Lamassoure

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

42. Recalls Parliament's resolution of 20 November 2013 on the location of the seats of the European Union's Institutions¹⁷, which estimated the costs of the geographic dispersion of the Parliament to be between EUR 156 million and EUR 204 million and equivalent to 10% of the Parliament's budget; emphasises the environmental impact of the geographic dispersion is estimated to be between 11,000 to 19,000 tonnes of CO₂ emissions; underlines the negative public perception caused by this dispersion, and therefore reiterates its position in calling for a roadmap to a single seat;

deleted

¹⁷ Texts adopted, P7_TA(2013)0498.

Or. en

Amendment 188
Victor Negrescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

42. Recalls Parliament's resolution of 20 November 2013 on the location of the seats of the European Union's Institutions¹⁷, which estimated the costs of the geographic dispersion of the Parliament to be between EUR 156 million and EUR 204 million and equivalent to 10% of the Parliament's budget; emphasises the environmental impact of the geographic dispersion is estimated to be between 11,000 to 19,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions; underlines the negative public perception caused by this dispersion, and therefore reiterates its position in calling for a roadmap to a single seat;

deleted

¹⁷ Texts adopted, P7_TA(2013)0498.

Or. en

Amendment 189

Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 42

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

42. Recalls Parliament's resolution of 20 November 2013 on the location of the seats of the European Union's Institutions¹⁷, **which estimated the** costs of the geographic dispersion of the Parliament **to be** between EUR 156 million and EUR 204 million and equivalent to 10% of the Parliament's budget; emphasises the environmental impact of the geographic dispersion is estimated to be between 11,000 to 19,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions; underlines the negative public perception caused by this dispersion, and therefore reiterates its position in calling for a

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roadmap to a single seat;

its position in calling for a roadmap to a single seat ***to be discussed at the next Treaty revision and no later than 2020; underlines that a single seat solution would allow important savings with regard to the costs related to the missions of Members and staff, on which firmly recalls transparency and an appropriate practice;***

¹⁷ Texts adopted, P7_TA(2013)0498.

¹⁷ Texts adopted, P7_TA(2013)0498.

Or. en

Amendment 190 **Eleftherios Synadinos**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 42**

Motion for a resolution

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¹⁷ Texts adopted, P7_TA(2013)0498.

Amendment

42. Recalls Parliament's resolution of 20 November 2013 on the location of the seats of the European Union's Institutions¹⁷, which estimated the costs of the geographic dispersion of the Parliament to be between EUR 156 million and EUR 204 million and equivalent to 10% of the Parliament's budget; emphasises the environmental impact of the geographic dispersion is estimated to be between 11,000 to 19,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions; ***believes that there is an impact on both the productivity and the effective and rational functioning of Parliament;*** underlines the negative public perception caused by this dispersion; reiterates its position in calling for a ***mutually agreed*** roadmap to a single seat;

¹⁷ Texts adopted, P7_TA(2013)0498.

Or. en

Amendment 191

Marco Zanni, Sophie Montel, Stanisław Żółtek

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 42 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

42 a. Questions the added value of the Parliament's information offices, taking into account, in particular, the huge increase in related expenditure as compared to budget 2017;

Or. en

Amendment 192

Paul Rübig, Monika Hohlmeier, Sabine Verheyen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 43

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43. Continues to question the added value of the LUX Prize, particularly given that the participants in a survey to determine the awareness and perception of the prize were largely limited to Members and film-makers; **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 193

Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Jean-Paul Denanot, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 43

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43. Continues to question the added value of the LUX Prize, particularly given **deleted**

that the participants in a survey to determine the awareness and perception of the prize were largely limited to Members and film-makers;

Or. en

Amendment 194
Jens Geier, Petra Kammerevert

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43

Motion for a resolution

43. *Continues to question the added value of the LUX Prize, particularly given that the participants in a survey to determine the awareness and perception of the prize were largely limited to Members and film-makers;*

Amendment

43. *Recalls the importance of the LUX Prize as a tool to support European cinema as well as to enhance debate and reflection on Europe and its future; believes at the same time that the added value of the LUX Prize, particularly public awareness and perception of the prize, could be further increased; considers the dedicated budget however adequate;*

Or. en

Amendment 195
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43

Motion for a resolution

43. Continues to question the added value of the LUX Prize, particularly given that *the participants in a survey to determine the awareness and perception* of the prize *were* largely limited to Members and film-makers;

Amendment

43. Continues to *stably* question the added value of the LUX Prize, particularly given that awareness of the prize *is* largely limited to *some* Members and film-makers;

Or. en

Amendment 196

Monika Vana

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 43

Motion for a resolution

43. *Continues to question* the added value of the LUX Prize, particularly given that the participants in a survey to determine the awareness and perception of the prize were largely limited to Members and film-makers;

Amendment

43. *Calls for the further boosting of* the added value of the LUX Prize, particularly given that the participants in a survey to determine the awareness and perception of the prize were largely limited to Members and film-makers;

Or. en

Amendment 197

Marco Zanni, Sophie Montel, Stanisław Żółtek

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 43 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

43a. Sees no added value in financially supporting the European Parliamentary Association;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 198

Paul Rübig

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 43 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

43 a. Recalls Parliament's resolution of 14 April 2016^{1a} on Parliament's estimates of revenue and expenditure for the financial year 2017; asks the

Amendment

implementation of a cooperation with television stations, social media and further partners in order to establish a European media-hub for training purposes for young journalists;

^{1a} Texts adopted, P8_TA-PROV(2016)0132.

Or. en

Amendment 199
Paul Rübig

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43 b. Therefore allocates EUR 800 000 on the Article 326 European Science Media Hub;

Or. en

Amendment 200
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 44

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

44. Considers that further savings can be made on furniture expenditure, ***given*** the large increase from the 2016 outturn to the 2017 budget, which has not only been maintained but slightly increased to EUR 6,18 million in 2018;

44. Considers that further savings can be made on furniture expenditure, ***and deplores*** the large increase from the 2016 outturn to the 2017 budget, which has not only been maintained but slightly increased to EUR 6,18 million in 2018;

Or. en

Amendment 201
Marco Zanni, Sophie Montel, Stanisław Żółtek

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 44 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

44a. Believes that the activities of the Association of former Members should be financed by current or former members taking in interest in that association;

Or. en

Amendment 202
Manuel dos Santos, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 45

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

45. Calls upon the Secretary-General and the Bureau to instil a culture of performance-based budgeting across Parliament's administration, *following the positive example already put into practice by the Directorate-General for Finance (DG FINS); urges all parties involved in the drafting of the Parliament's estimates to identify negative priorities* in order to *free up spending for the Parliament's core responsibilities; considers this exercise particularly vital* in the context of *Parliament key functions to legislate, represent citizens and scrutinise the work of other institutions;*

45. Calls upon the Secretary-General and the Bureau to instil a culture of performance-based budgeting across Parliament's administration, *in line with the lean management approach* in order to *enhance efficiency and quality* in the *institution's internal work;*

Or. en

Amendment 203
Marco Valli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 45

Motion for a resolution

45. Calls upon the Secretary-General and the Bureau to instil a culture of performance-based budgeting across Parliament's administration, following the positive example already put into practice by the Directorate-General for Finance (DG FINS); urges all parties involved in the drafting of the Parliament's estimates to identify negative priorities in order to free up spending for the Parliament's core responsibilities; considers this exercise particularly vital in the context of Parliament key functions to legislate, represent citizens and scrutinise the work of other institutions;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 204
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 45

Motion for a resolution

45. Calls upon the Secretary-General and the Bureau to instil a culture of performance-based budgeting across Parliament's administration, following the positive example already put into practice by the Directorate-General for Finance (DG FINS); ***urges*** all parties involved in the drafting of the Parliament's estimates to identify negative priorities in order to free up spending for the Parliament's core responsibilities; considers this exercise particularly vital in the context of ***Parliament key functions to legislate, represent citizens and scrutinise the work of other institutions;***

Amendment

45. Calls upon the Secretary-General and the Bureau to instil a culture of ***cost effectiveness and*** performance-based budgeting across Parliament's administration, following the positive example already put into practice by the Directorate-General for Finance (DG FINS); ***invites*** all parties involved in the drafting of the Parliament's estimates to identify ***and propose*** negative priorities in order to free up spending for the Parliament's core responsibilities; considers this exercise particularly vital in the context of ***maintaining Parliament's role, key functions and overarching aims;***

