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Establishing the European Solidarity Corps programme

Proposal for a regulation

(COM(2018)0440 – C8-0264/2018 – 2018/0230(COD))

Amendment 4
Nicola Caputo

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

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Proposal for a regulation
Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 6

Anneli Jäätteenmäki

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 27

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Justification

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Amendment 7 **John Howarth**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 28**

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 8
John Howarth

Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – paragraph 2 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) The financial contributions made by and expected from third countries to the Programme shall, once sufficient information is available, be reported to both arms of the Budgetary Authority as part of the annual/or interim reporting of the Programme.

Or. en

Amendment 9
Anneli Jäätteenmäki

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 10 John Howarth

Proposal for a regulation Annex I – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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(ba) (c) percentages of gender balance, ethnicity, (dis)ability and geography of the Union.

Or. en