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Committee on Budgetary Control

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AMENDMENTS

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Draft second report
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on discharge in respect of the implementation of the European Union general
budget for the financial year 2007, Section II – Council
(C6-0417/2008 – 2008/2277(DEC))

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Amendment 1
Marta Andreassen

Motion for a resolution

Citation 3 (to be inserted also into the decision if adopted)

Motion for a resolution

- having regard to the Council's annual report to the discharge authority on internal audits carried out in 2007,

Amendment

- having regard to the Council's annual report to the discharge authority on internal audits carried out in 2007, ***of which its competent committee should have received the full version,***

Or. en

Amendment 2
Marta Andreassen

Motion for a resolution

Citation 4 (to be inserted also into the decision if adopted)

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the Annual Report of the Court of Auditors on implementation of the budget for the financial year 2007, together with the audited institutions' replies¹,

Amendment

– having regard to the Annual Report of the Court of Auditors on implementation of the budget for the financial year 2007, together with the audited institutions' replies¹, ***which contains only one paragraph concerning the Council,***

Or. en

¹ OJ C 286, 10.11.2008, p. 1.

Amendment 3
Ingeborg Grässle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Considers that Parliament has carried out its duty to guarantee maximum possible transparency concerning the use of EU taxpayers' money;

Amendment

2. Considers that Parliament has carried out its duty to guarantee maximum possible transparency **and accountability** concerning the use of EU taxpayers' money;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Ingeborg Grässle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Council to continue in future to further improve cooperation with its competent **committee** on the basis of its recent practice;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Council to continue in future to further improve cooperation with its competent **committees** on the basis of its recent practice;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Jean-Pierre Audy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Requests that a study be carried out on the current powers, rights and duties of the European Parliament in the procedure for granting discharge to the

*Council, particularly as regards
expenditure relating to the Common
Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and
military operations;*

Or. fr

Amendment 6
Ingeborg Grässle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*4. Encourages the formulation and
inclusion in the Interinstitutional
Agreement on budgetary discipline and
sound financial management of an Annex
specifically dealing with the discharge
procedure and which should provide for a
mechanism for a mutual exchange of
information between Parliament and the
Council;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 7
Jorgo Chatzimarkakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*4. Encourages the formulation and
inclusion in the Interinstitutional
Agreement on budgetary discipline and
sound financial management of an Annex
specifically dealing with the discharge
procedure and which should provide for a
mechanism for a mutual exchange of
information between Parliament and the
Council;*

deleted

Amendment 8
Jens Geier and Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Encourages the formulation and inclusion in the Interinstitutional Agreement on budgetary discipline and sound financial management of an Annex specifically dealing with the discharge procedure ***and which should provide for a mechanism for a mutual exchange of information between Parliament and the Council;***

Amendment

4. Encourages the formulation and inclusion in the Interinstitutional Agreement on budgetary discipline and sound financial management of an Annex specifically dealing with the discharge procedure;

Amendment 9
Jens Geier and Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 - introductory part

Motion for a resolution

5. ***Points out that despite these important results, several elements of the Council's budget execution still need to be clarified;*** calls ***therefore*** on its competent committee, in the context of the next Council discharge procedure, to verify progress on the following matters:

Amendment

5. Calls on its competent committee, in the context of the next Council discharge procedure, to verify progress on the following matters:

Amendment 10
Jorgo Chatzimarkakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 - introductory part

Motion for a resolution

5. Points out that despite these important results, several elements of the Council's budget execution still need to be clarified; calls therefore on its competent committee, ***in the context of the next Council discharge procedure***, to verify progress on the following matters:

Amendment

5. Points out that despite these important results, several elements of the Council's budget execution still need to be clarified; calls therefore on its competent committee to verify progress on the following matters:

Or. en

Amendment 11
Ingeborg Grässle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Points out that ***despite these important results, several elements of the Council's budget execution still need to be clarified; calls therefore on its competent committee, in the context of the next Council discharge procedure, to verify progress on the following matters:***

- ***whether***, in accordance with the recommendations of its internal auditor, ***the Council has found solutions to close*** all its extra-budgetary accounts;
- ***whether the Council has followed its internal auditor's recommendation to improve*** the verification of invoices;
- ***whether the Council has ensured that*** all administrative decisions ***are*** made public when they are used as the legal base for budget items;
- ***whether the Council, in accordance with the practice now adopted by all other***

Amendment

5. ***With regard to Council's budget execution*** points out that:

- in accordance with the recommendations of its internal auditor, all extra-budgetary accounts ***will be closed***
- the verification of invoices ***will be improved***;
- all administrative decisions ***will be*** made public when they are used as the legal base for budget items;
- its annual activity report, required to be drawn up by Article 60(7) of the Financial

EU institutions, has agreed to forward to Parliament and its competent committee its annual activity report, required to be drawn up by Article 60(7) of the Financial Regulation;

- *whether the Council has fully explained the need to transfer money from one item to another within its budget;*
- *whether the Council directly and without unnecessary delay gives written answers to relevant questions asked by its competent committee and its rapporteur;*
- *whether the Council is ready to meet with its competent committee in order to answer questions from its Members;*
- *whether the Council is ready to participate in meetings in Parliament where the discharge to the Council's budget is discussed.*

Regulation, *will be forwarded to Parliament and its competent committees;*

- the need to transfer money from one item to another within its budget *will be explained;*
- written answers to relevant questions asked by *Parliament's* competent committee and its rapporteur *will be given;*
- *it will account to Parliament's competent committees.*

Or. en

Amendment 12 **Marta Andreasen**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 5 - bullet point 7**

Motion for a resolution

- whether the Council is ready to meet with its competent committee in order to answer questions from its Members,

Amendment

- whether the Council is ready to meet *formally* with its competent committee in order to answer questions from its Members,

Or. en

Amendment 13
Marta Andreasen

Proposal for a decision
Recital A (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

A. whereas the Council failed to clarify important elements, as specified in point 5 of the motion for a resolution,

Or. en

Amendment 14
Marta Andreasen

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

1. ***Grants*** discharge to the Secretary-General of the Council in respect of the implementation of the Council's budget for the financial year 2007;

1. ***Refuses*** discharge to the Secretary-General of the Council in respect of the implementation of the Council's budget for the financial year 2007;

Or. en