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AMENDMENTS

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Discharge 2015: General budget of the EU - European Parliament
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Amendment 1
Jean-François Jalkh

Proposal for a decision 1
Recital B a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

Ba. *whereas Article 6 of Regulation 1141/2014 establishes an Authority for European political parties and European political foundations; notes that Article 6(2) stipulates that the Authority shall have legal personality and shall be independent;*

Or. fr

Amendment 2
Benedek Jávor
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. whereas scrutiny is essential to ensure that Parliament's political leadership and administration are held accountable to citizens in the Union; whereas there is permanent scope for improvement in terms of quality, efficiency, and effectiveness in the management of public finances;

C. whereas scrutiny, ***particularly in the form of the yearly discharge procedure*** is essential to ensure that Parliament's political leadership and administration are held accountable to citizens in the Union; whereas there is permanent scope for improvement in terms of quality, efficiency, and effectiveness in the management of public finances; ***whereas the principle of performance-based budgeting and good governance of human resources should be the core element when executing the budget;***

Or. en

Amendment 3

Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

Proposal for a decision 1

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. **Grants its** President discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Parliament for the financial year 2015;

Amendment

1. **Postpones its decision on granting the** President discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Parliament for the financial year 2015;

Or. en

Amendment 4

Marco Valli, Laura Agea

Proposal for a decision 1

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

1. **Grants its President** discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Parliament for the financial year 2015

Amendment

1. **Postpones the decision concerning its President's** discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Parliament for the financial year 2015;

Or. it

Amendment 5

Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that the annual report of the internal auditor contains findings based on specific audit work **but does not by itself**

Amendment

2. Notes that the annual report of the internal auditor contains findings based on specific audit work; notes that the Court's

provide a comprehensive picture of the Parliament's budgetary and financial management; notes, *similarly*, that the Court's report only represents the results of a small sample (16 transactions) in respect of Parliament's transactions;

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Or. en

Amendment 6
Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that the annual report of the internal auditor contains findings based on specific audit work *but does not by itself* provide a comprehensive picture of the Parliament's budgetary and financial management; notes, similarly, that the Court's report only represents the results of a small sample (16 transactions) in respect of Parliament's transactions;

Amendment

2. Notes that the annual report of the internal auditor contains findings based on specific audit work; *aims at improving budgetary and financial management but not to* provide a comprehensive picture of the Parliament's budgetary and financial management; notes, similarly, that the Court's report only represents the results of a small sample (16 transactions) in respect of Parliament's transactions;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Understands that in general the low level of error in respect of the administrative expenditure may *justify* the relatively little attention paid by the Court to Parliament's transactions;

Amendment

3. Understands that in general the low level of error in respect of the administrative expenditure may *account for* the relatively little attention paid by the Court to Parliament's transactions;

Amendment 8

Ryszard Czarnecki, Notis Marias, Raffaele Fitto, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Points out, however, that *the reputational risk in the case of the Parliament's budgetary and financial management* is relatively high, *especially against the background of the Members of Parliament (MEPs) being the representatives of the citizens in the Union and hence any irregularities do not only damage the administration's reputation, but also undermine the credibility* of the *MEPs as an* institution;

Amendment

4. Points out, however, that *even if the error rate is remarkably low, the reputational risk* is relatively high, *given that such financial and budgetary errors might impact negatively on the standing* of the institution;

Amendment 9

Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Points out, however, that *the reputational risk in the case of the Parliament's budgetary and financial management* is relatively high, *especially against the background of the Members of Parliament (MEPs) being the representatives of the citizens in the Union and hence any irregularities do not only damage the administration's reputation, but also undermine the credibility* of the *MEPs as an* institution;

Amendment

4. Points out, however, that *even if the error rate is remarkably low, the reputational risk* is relatively high, *given that such financial and budgetary errors might impact negatively on the standing* of the institution;

Amendment 10

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Points out, however, that the reputational risk in the case of the Parliament's budgetary and financial management is relatively high, especially against the background of the Members of Parliament (MEPs) being the representatives of the citizens in the Union and hence any irregularities do not only damage the administration's reputation, but also undermine the credibility of the MEPs as an institution;

Amendment

4. Points out, however, that the reputational risk in the case of the Parliament's budgetary and financial management is relatively high, especially against the background of the Members of Parliament (MEPs) being the representatives of the citizens in the Union and hence any irregularities do not only damage the administration's reputation, but also undermine the credibility of the MEPs as an institution, *the Union as a whole and democratic principles and the rule of law in Europe*;

Amendment 11

José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. *Points out, however*, that the reputational risk in the case of *the Parliament's* budgetary and financial management is relatively high, especially against the background of the Members of Parliament (MEPs) being the representatives of the citizens in the Union and hence any irregularities do not only damage the administration's reputation, but also undermine the credibility of the MEPs

Amendment

4. *Stresses* that the reputational risk *to Parliament* in the case of *inadequate* budgetary and financial management *of resources allocated to it* is relatively high, especially against the background of the Members of Parliament (MEPs) being the representatives of the citizens in the Union and hence any irregularities do not only damage the administration's reputation, but also undermine the credibility of the MEPs

as an institution;

as an institution;

Or. es

Amendment 12
Martina Dlabajová

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Notes that the European-Anti Fraud Office (OLAF) opened an administrative investigation related to the National Front and MEP Le Pen on the basis of alleged irregularities;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Encourages therefore the Court to consider issuing more special reports on specific areas of Parliament's operations, such as its communications policies and its management of the grants for European political parties and foundations;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 14
Benedek Jávor
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Encourages therefore the Court to consider issuing more special reports on specific areas of Parliament's operations, such as its communications policies **and** its management of the grants for European political parties and foundations;

Amendment

6. Encourages therefore the Court to consider issuing more special reports on specific areas of Parliament's operations, such as its communications policies, its management of the grants for European political parties and foundations **and the proper use of the general expenditure allowances**;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Marco Valli, Laura Agea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes that against this background, the work undertaken by the Parliament and in particular by CONT in the context of the discharge procedure is of particular importance, as it offers the sole opportunity to consider more thoroughly the accounts of the Parliament's administration;

Amendment

7. Notes that against this background, the work undertaken by the Parliament and in particular by CONT in the context of the discharge procedure is of particular importance, as it offers the sole opportunity to consider more thoroughly the accounts of the Parliament's administration **and to assess whether the expenditure effected was necessary or whether savings might be made in future financial years**;

Or. it

Amendment 16
Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Notes that against this background, the work undertaken by the Parliament *and in particular by CONT* in the context of the discharge procedure *is of particular importance, as it* offers *the sole* opportunity to consider more thoroughly the accounts of the Parliament's administration;

7. Notes that against this background, the work undertaken by the Parliament in the context of the discharge procedure offers *an* opportunity to consider more thoroughly the accounts of the Parliament's administration;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes that against this background, the work undertaken by the Parliament and in particular by CONT in the context of the discharge procedure is of particular importance, as it offers the *sole* opportunity to consider more thoroughly the accounts of the Parliament's administration;

Amendment

7. Notes that against this background, the work undertaken by the Parliament and in particular by CONT in the context of the discharge procedure is of particular importance, as it offers the opportunity to consider more thoroughly the accounts of the Parliament's administration;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

7a. Regrets that once again, following the European elections in 2014, the discharge procedure is being used for systematic attacks of a purely political nature on the former President of the European Parliament, which means that the current procedure is being

Amendment

conditioned by exclusively national electoral considerations, thereby detracting from the image and reputation of the institution and its President;

Or. es

Amendment 19
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7b. Regrets, in this case, the failure to respect even the code of ethics agreed within the Committee on Budgetary Control to avoid igniting local and national electoral contests and disputes through budgetary control activities (taking account of the electoral calendar in the planning of delegations, missions, etc.)

Or. es

Amendment 20
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7c. Notes that the attacks on the former President of Parliament, in documents leaked to the German press containing 'alternative data' clearly taken out of context have been timed to coincide with his nomination as socialist candidate for the Chancellorship in the German elections, following survey findings confirming his standing as a real

alternative to the current government; regrets the contorted nature of these attacks that are designed to involve the 2015 discharge procedure in Parliament, thereby setting a negative precedent for the institution regarding future discharge procedures.

Or. es

Amendment 21
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7d. Calls on the AFCO Committee and the Conference of Presidents in this connection to draw up and submit as soon as possible a code of ethics and conduct for Members in order to prevent the contorted use and leakage of 'alternative data' which (aside from personal data protection requirements) adversely affects individuals and those occupying posts within the institution, in a bid to influence national electoral processes.

Or. es

Amendment 22
Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Notes that for such a thorough analysis of the accounts it is essential to have special in-house expertise on accounts and auditing that rapporteurs

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can make use of in the preparation of their discharge reports; considers that in this respect national parliaments have created special supportive units for their members, such as the Parliamentary Bureau for Research and Public Expenditure of the Parliament of the Netherlands;

Or. en

Amendment 23

José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Notes that for such a thorough analysis of the accounts it is essential to have special in-house expertise on accounts and auditing that rapporteurs can make use of in the preparation of their discharge reports; considers that in this respect national parliaments have created special supportive units for their members, *such as the Parliamentary Bureau for Research and Public Expenditure of the Parliament of the Netherlands;*

Amendment

8. Notes that for such a thorough analysis of the accounts it is essential to have special in-house expertise on accounts and auditing that rapporteurs can make use of in the preparation of their discharge reports; Considers that in this respect *the experience of a number of* national parliaments *that* have created special supportive units for their members *has been positive;*

Or. es

Amendment 24

Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. *Calls upon the secretary-general to create a similar supportive unit in the Parliament, for example, within the*

deleted

Amendment

Amendment 25
José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls upon the secretary-general to **create** a similar supportive unit in the Parliament, for example, within the Directorate-General for Parliamentary Research Services (DG EPRS);

Amendment

9. Calls upon the secretary-general to **consider the possibility of creating** a similar supportive unit in the Parliament, for example, within the Directorate-General for Parliamentary Research Services (DG EPRS);

Amendment 26
Marco Valli, Laura Agea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Notes that Parliament's final appropriations for 2015 totalled EUR 1 794 929 112, or 19,78 % of heading V of the Multiannual Financial Framework⁸ set aside for the 2015 administrative expenditure of the Union institutions as a whole representing a 2,2 % increase over the 2014 budget (EUR 1 755 631 742);

Amendment

10. Notes that Parliament's final appropriations for 2015 totalled EUR 1 794 929 112, or 19,78 % of heading V of the Multiannual Financial Framework⁸ set aside for the 2015 administrative expenditure of the Union institutions as a whole representing a 2,2 % increase over the 2014 budget (EUR 1 755 631 742); **regrets this increase against the background of the economic crisis which is still affecting many EU Member States; takes the view that an increase justified by indexation based on the inflation rate should be considered inappropriate**

because many Member States are experiencing the disturbing phenomenon of stagnation and deflation;

⁸ Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020.

⁸ Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020.

Or. it

Amendment 27
Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Points out that four chapters accounted for 71 % of total of the commitments: Chapter 10 (Members of the institution), Chapter 12 (Officials and temporary staff), Chapter 20 (Buildings and associated costs) and Chapter 42 (Expenditure relating to parliamentary assistance); notes that this indicates that Parliament's expenditure is characterised by a high level of *rigidity* for the major part linked to remunerations for MEPs and staff, adjusted according to the staff regulations and other contractual obligations;

Amendment

12. Points out that four chapters accounted for 71 % of total of the commitments: Chapter 10 (Members of the institution), Chapter 12 (Officials and temporary staff), Chapter 20 (Buildings and associated costs) and Chapter 42 (Expenditure relating to parliamentary assistance); notes that this indicates that Parliament's expenditure is characterised by a high level of *continuity* for the major part linked to remunerations for MEPs and staff, adjusted according to the staff regulations and other contractual obligations;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Benedek Jávor
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Notes that ‘mopping-up’ transfers accounted for EUR 83 419 000, which represents 4,6 % of final appropriations with a total of EUR 71 000 000 transferred from provisional appropriation headings and from other sources, so as to help fund the annual lease payments for the Konrad Adenauer building; reaffirms, yet again, that Parliament's property policy should be set with sufficient clarity as part of the budgetary strategy;

Amendment

16. Notes that ‘mopping-up’ transfers accounted for EUR 83 419 000, which represents 4,6 % of final appropriations with a total of EUR 71 000 000 transferred from provisional appropriation headings and from other sources, so as to help fund the annual lease payments for the Konrad Adenauer building; reaffirms, yet again, that Parliament's property policy should be set with sufficient clarity as part of the budgetary strategy; ***considers that level of the 'mopping-up' transfer as very high; is of the firm opinion that an effective management of the budget should reduce this transfer to the bare minimum;***

Or. en

Amendment 29
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Notes that ‘mopping-up’ transfers accounted for EUR 83 419 000, which represents 4,6 % of final appropriations with a total of EUR 71 000 000 transferred from provisional appropriation headings and from other sources, so as to help fund the annual lease payments for the Konrad Adenauer building; reaffirms, yet again, that Parliament's property policy should be set with sufficient clarity as part of the budgetary strategy;

Amendment

16. Notes ***with concern*** that ‘mopping-up’ transfers accounted for EUR 83 419 000, which represents 4,6 % of final appropriations with a total of EUR 71 000 000 transferred from provisional appropriation headings and from other sources, so as to help fund the annual lease payments for the Konrad Adenauer building; reaffirms, yet again, that Parliament's property policy should be set with sufficient clarity as part of the budgetary strategy; ***calls on the Court of Auditors, in this connection, to draw up a report on the European Parliament's property policy;***

Or. es

Amendment 30
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Notes that ‘mopping-up’ transfers accounted for EUR 83 419 000, which represents 4,6 % of final appropriations with a total of EUR 71 000 000 transferred from provisional appropriation headings and from other sources, so as to help fund the annual lease payments for the Konrad Adenauer building; reaffirms, yet again, that Parliament's property policy should be set with sufficient clarity as part of the budgetary strategy;

Amendment

16. Notes that ‘mopping-up’ transfers accounted for EUR 83 419 000, which represents 4,6 % of final appropriations with a total of EUR 71 000 000 transferred from provisional appropriation headings and from other sources, so as to help fund the annual lease payments for the Konrad Adenauer building; reaffirms, yet again, that Parliament's property policy should be set with sufficient clarity **and full transparency** as part of the budgetary strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Notes that ‘mopping-up’ transfers accounted for EUR 83 419 000, which represents 4,6 % of final appropriations with a total of EUR 71 000 000 transferred from provisional appropriation headings and from other sources, so as to help fund the annual lease payments for the Konrad Adenauer building; reaffirms, yet again, that Parliament's **property** policy should be set with sufficient clarity as part of the budgetary strategy;

Amendment

16. Notes that ‘mopping-up’ transfers accounted for EUR 83 419 000, which represents 4,6 % of final appropriations with a total of EUR 71 000 000 transferred from provisional appropriation headings and from other sources, so as to help fund the annual lease payments for the Konrad Adenauer building; reaffirms, yet again, that Parliament's **building** policy should be set with sufficient clarity as part of the budgetary strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Notes that ‘mopping-up’ transfers accounted for EUR 83 419 000, which represents 4,6 % of final appropriations with a total of EUR 71 000 000 transferred from provisional appropriation headings and from other sources, so as to help fund the annual lease payments for the Konrad Adenauer building; **reaffirms, yet again,** that Parliament's property policy should be set with sufficient clarity as part of the budgetary strategy;

Amendment

16. Notes that ‘mopping-up’ transfers accounted for EUR 83 419 000, which represents 4,6 % of final appropriations with a total of EUR 71 000 000 transferred from provisional appropriation headings and from other sources, so as to help fund the annual lease payments for the Konrad Adenauer building; **urges** that Parliament's property policy should be set with sufficient clarity as part of the budgetary strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Is concerned with the Court's finding that of the 151 transactions examined for all the Union institutions, 22 (14,6 %) were affected by error;

Amendment

18. Is concerned with the Court's finding that of the 151 transactions examined for all the Union institutions, 22 (14,6 %) were affected by error; **notes however that of these 22 transactions, only seven errors were quantified and thus had financial implications, resulting in an estimated level of error of 0,6 %;**

Or. en

Amendment 34

Ryszard Czarnecki

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18**

Motion for a resolution

18. Is concerned with the Court's finding that of the 151 transactions examined for all the Union institutions, 22 (14,6 %) were affected by error;

Amendment

18. Is **strongly** concerned with the Court's finding that of the 151 transactions examined for all the Union institutions, 22 (14,6 %) were affected by error;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19**

Motion for a resolution

19. Takes furthermore note of the specific findings concerning Parliament contained in the annual report of the Court for 2015; notes that the Court found ***that in one out of the sixteen Parliament transactions examined, related to a political group, the Court found weaknesses in controls of the authorisation and settlement of expenditure made in 2014 but cleared in 2015, and in the related procurement procedures;***

Amendment

19. Takes furthermore note of the specific findings concerning Parliament contained in the annual report of the Court for 2015; notes that the Court found weaknesses in controls of the ***authorization*** and settlement of expenditure made in 2014; ***these involved only one out of 16 Parliament transactions and these weaknesses were cleared in 2015;***

Or. en

Amendment 36

Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch, Petri Sarvamaa

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Takes furthermore note of the specific findings concerning Parliament contained in the annual report of the Court for 2015; notes that the Court found *that in one out of the sixteen Parliament transactions examined, related to a political group, the Court found weaknesses in controls of the authorisation and settlement of expenditure made in 2014 but cleared in 2015, and in the related procurement procedures;*

19. Takes furthermore note of the specific findings concerning Parliament contained in the annual report of the Court for 2015; notes that the Court found *weaknesses in controls of the authorization and settlement of expenditure made in 2014; these involved only one out of 16 Parliament transactions that were examined concerning one or other of the political groups and these weaknesses were cleared in 2015;*

Or. en

Amendment 37
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 – indent 2

Motion for a resolution

– to improve the regulatory framework applicable to meetings with interpretation, including: better alignment between existing sets of rules; measures to spread demand more evenly over the week and to identify and fill underused slots;

Amendment

– to improve the regulatory framework applicable to meetings with interpretation, including: better alignment between existing sets of rules; measures to spread demand more evenly over the week and to identify and fill underused slots; *underscores the need to reduce the number of meetings cancelled at short notice, since that results in considerable misallocation of resources;*

Or. de

Amendment 38
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Asks the Internal Auditor in presenting the annual report to focus more closely on those aspects where shortcomings and/or irregularities have been encountered and to introduce procedures for the assessment of performance and results; requests also a report by the Internal Auditor on follow-up, developments and solutions relating to problems identified in the course of his mandate;

Or. es

Amendment 39
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Takes note of the written answers to the 2014 discharge resolution provided to CONT on 20 October 2016 and of the presentation by the secretary-general to the various questions and requests of Parliament's 2014 discharge resolution and the exchange of views with MEPs that followed;

Amendment

24. Takes note of the written answers to the 2014 discharge resolution provided to CONT on 20 October 2016 and of the presentation by the secretary-general to the various questions and requests of Parliament's 2014 discharge resolution and the exchange of views with MEPs that followed; ***regrets, however, that many of these applications have not been followed up and that no reason or justification has been given; stresses the importance being able to discuss more frequently with the Secretary-General in the Committee on Budgetary Control issues affecting Parliament's budget and its implementation.***

Or. es

Amendment 40
Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Takes note of the written answers to the 2014 discharge resolution provided to CONT on 20 October 2016 and of the presentation by the secretary-general to the various questions and requests of Parliament's 2014 discharge resolution and the exchange of views with MEPs that followed;

Amendment

24. Takes note of the written answers to the 2014 discharge resolution provided to CONT on 20 October 2016 and of the presentation by the secretary-general to the various questions and requests of Parliament's 2014 discharge resolution and the exchange of views with MEPs that followed; ***considers some answers as unsatisfactory; is of the firm opinion that the secretary-general should respect and implement the decision by the Plenary;***

Or. en

Amendment 41

Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Questions the decision by Parliament not to act on the allegations concerning the use of its resources by the President in furtherance of his candidacy in 2014; takes note of the reason put forward by the Secretary-General, namely that OLAF had dismissed the complaint because of the limited credibility of the allegations; points out that those allegations were raised by Members in connection with discharge for Parliament for 2014 (paragraphs 32, 33, 34 and 35); takes the view that, in such circumstances, it is the Secretary-General's duty to address issues raised by Members, especially where they relate to the President, who is the guarantor of

Parliament's credibility; calls on the Secretary-General to explain why he has failed to act on the paragraphs referred to above;

Or. fr

Amendment 42
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Notes that there was an inconsistency between the dates of presentation of the draft Parliament discharge report and the possible tabling of additional questions to the Secretary-General; asks the Secretary-General to provide replies to the supplementary questions before the deadline for amendments and, if necessary, before the vote in committee is taken;

Or. es

Amendment 43
Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Takes note of the Secretary-General's reply concerning the inquiry into an accredited assistant to Parliament's former President who is suspected of having failed to meet his obligation to declare external activities; welcomes the fact that the inquiry is to be completed in mid-March this year; calls

on the Secretary-General to notify it of the outcome of the inquiry as soon as possible so that the information concerned can be taken into account as part of the current discharge procedure;

Or. fr

Amendment 44
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Expresses its satisfaction with the commitment of the Parliament's administration to continuously improving the performance of the Parliament's services as a whole and to do so in an efficient manner;

Amendment

26. Expresses its satisfaction with the commitment of the Parliament's administration to continuously improving the performance of the Parliament's services as a whole and to do so in an efficient manner, *although it also considers that it is taking too long in some cases to put the changes into practice;*

Or. hu

Amendment 45
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. *Expresses its satisfaction with* the commitment of the Parliament's administration to continuously improving the performance of the Parliament's services as a whole and to do so in an efficient manner;

Amendment

26. *Notes* the commitment of the Parliament's administration to continuously improving the performance of the Parliament's services as a whole and to do so in an efficient manner;

Or. es

Amendment 46
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. Notes that the European Parliament, which costs about EUR 3.60 per citizen per year, does not need to shy away from comparisons with other parliamentary systems, especially since one third of costs is accounted for by basic factors (multilingualism and number of sites) over which Parliament itself has limited influence and which do not apply to other parliaments in that form;

Or. de

Amendment 47
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**27a. Notes the Secretary-General's reply regarding the accessibility of the ePetition application for Members and the general public as well as the Legal Service report;
asks the Secretary-General to report on follow-up to the recommendations of the Legal Service;**

Or. es

Amendment 48

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Considers that according to the Court the costs of the geographic dispersion of the Parliament amount to EUR 114 million per year and notes the finding that in the 2013 Fox-Häfner report 78 % of all missions by Parliament statutory staff arise as a direct result of the Parliament's geographic dispersion; reminds that the estimation of the environmental impact of this dispersion is between 11 000 to 19 000 tonnes of CO₂ emissions; calls on the Bureau to request the secretary-general to develop without delay a roadmap to a single seat for Parliament;

Amendment

30. Considers that according to the Court the costs of the geographic dispersion of the Parliament amount to EUR 114 million per year and notes the finding that in the 2013 Fox-Häfner report 78 % of all missions by Parliament statutory staff arise as a direct result of the Parliament's geographic dispersion; reminds that the estimation of the environmental impact of this dispersion is between 11 000 to 19 000 tonnes of CO₂ emissions; calls on the Bureau to request the secretary-general to develop without delay a roadmap to a single seat for Parliament; ***reiterates its call on Parliament and the Council to address, in order to create long-term savings, the need for a roadmap to a single seat, as stated by Parliament in several previous resolutions; believes that the withdrawal of the UK and the need to reallocate the European Agencies which have currently their seat in the UK could provide an excellent opportunity to solve several issues in the same time;***

Or. en

Amendment 49

Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

30. Considers that according to the Court the costs of the geographic

dispersion of the Parliament amount to EUR 114 million per year and notes the finding that in the 2013 Fox-Häfner report 78 % of all missions by Parliament statutory staff arise as a direct result of the Parliament's geographic dispersion; reminds that the estimation of the environmental impact of this dispersion is between 11 000 to 19 000 tonnes of CO2 emissions; calls on the Bureau to request the secretary-general to develop without delay a roadmap to a single seat for Parliament;

dispersion of the Parliament amount to EUR 114 million per year and notes the finding that in the 2013 Fox-Häfner report 78 % of all missions by Parliament statutory staff arise as a direct result of the Parliament's geographic dispersion; reminds that the estimation of the environmental impact of this dispersion is between 11 000 to 19 000 tonnes of CO2 emissions; calls on the Bureau to request the secretary-general to develop without delay a roadmap to a single seat for Parliament; ***points however to Article 341 TFEU which establishes that the seats of the institutions of the Union shall be determined by common accord of the governments of the Member States and Protocol 6 annexed to the TEU and the TFEU which lays down that Parliament shall have its seat in Strasbourg; recalls that a single-seat solution requests change of the treaties;***

Or. en

Amendment 50
Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Considers that according to the Court the costs of the geographic dispersion of the Parliament amount to EUR 114 million per year and notes the finding that in the 2013 Fox-Häfner report 78 % of all missions by Parliament statutory staff arise as a direct result of the Parliament's geographic dispersion; reminds that the estimation of the environmental impact of this dispersion is between 11 000 to 19 000 tonnes of CO2 emissions; ***calls on the Bureau to request the secretary-general to develop without***

Amendment

30. Considers that according to the Court the costs of the geographic dispersion of the Parliament amount to EUR 114 million per year and notes the finding that in the 2013 Fox-Häfner report 78 % of all missions by Parliament statutory staff arise as a direct result of the Parliament's geographic dispersion; reminds that the estimation of the environmental impact of this dispersion is between 11 000 to 19 000 tonnes of CO2 emissions;

delay a roadmap to a single seat for Parliament;

Or. fr

Amendment 51
Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. *Recalls the reply by the Administration to question 75 in the questionnaire concerning discharge for Parliament for 2013, namely that it had decided to discontinue the ‘practice of long-term missions ..., ... leading to considerable savings’, but views as a major contradiction the fact that 13 staff members are currently on long-term missions; considers that a long-term mission for a staffer, involving an expatriation allowance and daily allowances, to a place where that person was already living and working is a reprehensible use of taxpayers’ money and contrary to the rules; insists on clarification of every long-term mission and on disclosure of reasons and costs;*

Or. de

Amendment 52
Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. *Points out that, under the Treaties, Parliament has only one seat, but three*

places of work, and that accordingly the question of a single seat for Parliament has already been settled; calls therefore for an assessment of the financial and environmental cost of travel from Strasbourg to Brussels; questions whether Brussels should be kept as a place of work on the ground of proximity to the other institutions at a time when information and communication technologies make that an outdated argument;

Or. fr

Amendment 53
Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. recalls that all officials and other servants of the Union, even those who work within cabinets, shall carry out their duties solely with the interests of the Union in mind, according to the rules laid down in the Staff Regulations; points out that the Union officials are paid by taxpayers' money, which is not intended to finance press or other staff to promote any national political interest of a President; calls on the bureau to lay down clear provisions in Parliaments regulations;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30b. *Takes note of the decision of 21 October 2015 by the President, by means of which he sought to make management appointments within Parliament without observing procedures, such as calls for applications; notes that that decision ‘did not correspond to the rules’ (Administration’s reply in connection with the second questionnaire from the Committee on Budgetary Control; insists that that decision by the President be formally revoked;*

Or. de

Amendment 55
Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30c. *Notes that on 15 December 2015 the President gave himself authority to allocate an uncapped special allowance to his cabinet staffers, over and above the existing cabinet allowance, despite the fact that the Staff Regulations make no provision for such a special allowance; raises again the question of the lawfulness of that authority and the validity of the special allowances; asks for consideration to be given as to whether the decision concerned should not be revoked;*

Or. de

Amendment 56
José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Welcomes that this reduces considerably cash payments and introduces mandatory electronic transfers therefore reducing the risks of theft and reputation for the Parliament while still providing for considerable flexibility; takes note of the Bureau's intention to evaluate the revised system after one year of implementation;

Amendment

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 57
Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Welcomes that this reduces considerably cash payments and introduces mandatory electronic transfers therefore reducing the risks of theft and reputation for the Parliament while still providing for considerable flexibility; takes note of the Bureau's intention to evaluate the revised system after one year of implementation;

Amendment

32. Welcomes that this reduces considerably cash payments and introduces mandatory electronic transfers therefore reducing the risks of theft and reputation for the Parliament while still providing for considerable flexibility; takes note of the Bureau's intention to evaluate the revised system after one year of implementation; ***regrets, however, that Parliamentary Assistants can be nominated to receive payments into their personal accounts and certify the group's expenses; is concerned this places unnecessary financial and legal responsibility and potential risk on APAs; urges the Bureau to reconsider this as a priority;***

Or. en

Amendment 58
Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. *Welcomes that this reduces considerably cash payments and introduces mandatory electronic transfers therefore reducing the risks of theft and reputation for the Parliament while still providing for considerable flexibility; takes note of the Bureau's intention to evaluate the revised system after one year of implementation;*

Amendment

32. *Urges for immediate review of the rules governing the payment of financial subsidies for sponsored groups. Points out that the payments for visitors' groups shouldn't be made to assistant's personal bank account, creating considerable risk of investigation by national tax authorities and forcing assistants to disclose their personal data for professional use;*

Or. en

Amendment 59
Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Welcomes that this reduces considerably cash payments and introduces mandatory electronic transfers therefore reducing the risks of theft and reputation for the Parliament while still providing for considerable flexibility; *takes note of* the Bureau's intention to evaluate the revised system after one year of implementation;

Amendment

32. Welcomes that this reduces considerably cash payments and introduces mandatory electronic transfers therefore reducing the risks of theft and reputation for the Parliament while still providing for considerable flexibility; *supports* the Bureau's intention to evaluate the revised system after one year of implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32a. *Expresses its regret that invitations to 112 visitor groups were withdrawn in the wake of the Brussels and Paris terror attacks and welcomes Parliament's swift decision to reimburse their expenses; considers, however, that the repayment took an unjustifiably long time and that the service did not handle the situation properly;*

Or. hu

Amendment 61

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Dennis de Jong, Monica Macovei, Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32a. *Deplores the fact that the Parliament granted discharge to its President in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Parliament for the financial year 2014 and deleted at the last minute important paragraphs raising further questions concerning the President's political activities and financial behaviour during the 2014 European elections;*

Or. en

Amendment 62

Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Transparency

Transparency *register and conflict of interest*

Or. en

Amendment 63

Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33. Welcomes that the attention of the media and the public at large for the Parliament and its administration is increasing, but is concerned that journalists find it difficult to obtain the specific information they are looking for, as is evident, for example, in the court case introduced on 13 November 2016 by journalists from all Union countries, following the refusal by the Parliament to disclose records about MEP's allowances;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 64

Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33. Welcomes that the attention of the media and the public at large for the Parliament and its administration is increasing, but is concerned that journalists find it difficult to obtain the specific information they are looking for, as is evident, for example, in the court

deleted

case introduced on 13 November 2016 by journalists from all Union countries, following the refusal by the Parliament to disclose records about MEP's allowances;

Or. en

Amendment 65

José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Welcomes that the attention of the media and the public at large for the Parliament and its administration is increasing, *but is concerned that journalists find it difficult to obtain the specific information they are looking for, as is evident, for example, in the court case introduced on 13 November 2016 by journalists from all Union countries, following the refusal by the Parliament to disclose records about MEP's allowances;*

Amendment

33. Welcomes that the attention of the media and the public at large for the Parliament and its administration is increasing; *notes, however that access to non-confidential information for members of the public and the media should be improved in order to ensure the principles of transparency in the public service, proximity and access to information;*

Or. es

Amendment 66

Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Welcomes that the attention of the media and the public at large for the Parliament and its administration is increasing, *but is concerned* that journalists find it difficult to obtain the specific information *they are looking for, as is evident, for example, in the court*

Amendment

33. Welcomes that the attention of the media and the public at large for the Parliament and its administration is increasing; *notes* that journalists find it difficult to obtain the specific information; *expects that the Parliament's administration balances the public*

case introduced on 13 November 2016 by journalists from all Union countries, following the refusal by the Parliament to disclose records about MEP's allowances;

interest against the protection of data of the MEPs and their assistants;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Welcomes *that* the attention of the media and the public *at large for* the Parliament and its administration *is increasing, but is concerned that journalists find* it difficult to obtain the specific information they are looking for, *as is evident, for example, in the court case introduced on 13 November 2016 by journalists from all Union countries, following the refusal by the Parliament to disclose records about MEP's allowances;*

Amendment

33. Welcomes the *increasing* attention of the media and the public *towards* the Parliament and its administration; *notes that some journalists claim to see* it difficult to obtain the specific information they are looking for; *points out that transparency of the Parliament and its administration is essential for the legitimacy of the institution in the eyes of the European citizens;*

Or. en

Amendment 68
Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. *Calls in this regard on the bureau to publish on the Parliament's website the documents submitted to it by the secretary-general, as soon as they become available, unless the nature of the information contained therein makes this impossible, for example, for the protection*

Amendment

deleted

of personal data;

Or. en

Amendment 69

Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34. Calls in this regard on the bureau to publish on the Parliament's website the documents submitted to it by the secretary-general, as soon as they become available, unless the nature of the information contained therein makes this impossible, for example, for the protection of personal data;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 70

Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34. Calls in this regard on the bureau to publish on the Parliament's website the documents submitted to it by the secretary-general, *as soon as they become available, unless the nature of the information contained therein makes this impossible, for example, for the protection of personal data;*

34. Calls in this regard on the bureau to publish on the Parliament's website the documents submitted to it by the secretary-general, *where justified and appropriate;*

Or. en

Amendment 71
Martina Dlabajová, Nedzhmi Ali

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. Calls in this regard on the bureau to publish on the Parliament's website the documents submitted to it by the secretary-general, as soon as they become available, unless the nature of the information contained therein makes this impossible, for example, for the protection of personal data;

Amendment

34. Calls in this regard on the bureau to publish on the Parliament's website the documents submitted to it by the secretary-general ***in a machine-readable format***, as soon as they become available, unless the nature of the information contained therein makes this impossible, for example, for the protection of personal data;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. ***Calls*** in this regard ***on*** the bureau to publish on the Parliament's website the documents submitted to it by the secretary-general, ***as soon as they become available***, unless the nature of the information contained therein makes this impossible, for example, for the protection of personal data;

Amendment

34. ***Invites*** in this regard the bureau to publish on the Parliament's website the ***relevant*** documents submitted to it by the secretary-general, unless the nature of the information contained therein makes this impossible, for example, for the protection of personal data;

Or. en

Amendment 73
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. Calls *in this regard* on the Bureau to publish on the Parliament's website the documents submitted to it by the secretary-general, as soon as they become available, unless the nature of the information contained therein makes this impossible, for example, for the protection of personal data;

Amendment

34. Calls on the Bureau to publish on the Parliament's website the documents submitted to it by the secretary-general, as soon as they become available, unless the nature of the information contained therein makes this impossible, for example, for the protection of personal data;

Or. es

Amendment 74
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34a. Stresses the need to make the work of Parliament's internal decision-making bodies, in particular the Bureau, more transparent and accessible; calls for Bureau agendas to be published on the Intranet in sufficient time and for the minutes of meetings to be published much more promptly; observes that it is not necessary to wait until they are translated into all languages;

Or. es

Amendment 75
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34b. Asks the Secretary-General to forward this resolution to the Bureau,

*highlighting all requests for action or decisions by the Bureau;
calls on the Secretary-General to establish a plan of action and a timetable enabling the Bureau to follow up and/or respond to the recommendations contained in Parliament's discharge resolutions and include the results in the annual monitoring document;*

asks the Secretary-General to report in good time to the Budget and Budgetary Control Committees on all projects with a significant budgetary impact that have been submitted to the Bureau;

Or. es

Amendment 76
Markus Pieper

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35. *Believes that MEPs ought to be able to use the Parliament's website to provide their constituencies with maximum transparency on their activities and therefore calls upon the secretary-general to develop a system in which MEPs can indicate how they want their personal webpages to be organised; refers, in this respect, to the wish of certain MEPs to have their diaries and, in particular, their meetings with interest representatives, included on these webpages, and urges the secretary-general to make this possible without further delays, as already requested in Parliament's 2014 discharge resolution;*

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 77

Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. Believes that MEPs ought to be able to use the Parliament's website to provide their constituencies with maximum transparency on their activities and therefore calls upon the secretary-general to develop a system in which MEPs can indicate how they want their personal webpages to be organised; *refers, in this respect, to the wish of certain MEPs to have their diaries and, in particular, their meetings with interest representatives, included on these webpages, and urges the secretary-general to make this possible without further delays, as already requested in Parliament's 2014 discharge resolution;*

Amendment

35. Believes that MEPs ought to be able to use the Parliament's website to provide their constituencies with maximum transparency on their activities and therefore calls upon the secretary-general to develop a system in which MEPs can indicate how they want their personal webpages to be organised;

Or. en

Amendment 78

Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. Believes that MEPs ought to be able to use the Parliament's website to provide their constituencies with *maximum* transparency on their activities and therefore calls upon the secretary-general to develop a system in which MEPs can indicate how they want their personal webpages to be organised; *refers, in this respect, to the wish of certain MEPs to have their diaries and, in particular, their meetings with interest*

Amendment

35. Believes that MEPs ought to be able to use the Parliament's website to provide their constituencies with *the greatest possible* transparency on their activities and therefore calls upon the secretary-general to develop a system in which MEPs can indicate how they want their personal webpages to be organised;

representatives, included on these webpages, and urges the secretary-general to make this possible without further delays, as already requested in Parliament's 2014 discharge resolution;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. Believes that MEPs ought to be able to use the Parliament's website to provide their constituencies with *maximum* transparency on their activities and therefore calls upon the secretary-general to develop a system in which MEPs can *indicate how they want their personal webpages to be organised; refers, in this respect, to the wish of certain MEPs to have their diaries and, in particular,* their meetings with interest representatives, *included on these webpages*, and urges the secretary-general to make this possible without further delays, as already requested in Parliament's 2014 discharge resolution;

Amendment

35. Believes that MEPs ought to be able to use the Parliament's website to provide their constituencies with *the greatest possible* transparency on their activities and therefore calls upon the secretary-general to develop a system in which MEPs can *publish* their meetings with interest representatives; and urges the secretary-general to make this possible without further delays, as already requested in Parliament's 2014 discharge resolution;

Or. en

Amendment 80
Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. *Calls on the bureau to make it*

Amendment

36. *Notes that it is already possible for*

possible for MEPs who wish to do so, to *have their accounts relating to the general expenditure allowance audited by the Parliament's administration in a manner that is both efficient and effective (for example, by taking samples or by concentrating on expenditures over a certain financial threshold) and to publish the results on their personal webpages on the Parliament's website; alternatively, to earmark a percentage of the general expenditure allowance for MEPs to hire an external audit;*

MEPs who wish to do so, to *claim audit expenses as an eligible cost relating to the GEA;*

Or. en

Amendment 81

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. *Calls on the bureau to make it possible for MEPs who wish to do so, to have their accounts relating to the general expenditure allowance audited by the Parliament's administration in a manner that is both efficient and effective (for example, by taking samples or by concentrating on expenditures over a certain financial threshold) and to publish the results on their personal webpages on the Parliament's website; alternatively, to earmark a percentage of the general expenditure allowance for MEPs to hire an external audit;*

Amendment

36. *Reminds the Parliament's position concerning the general expenditure allowances (GEA) as voted in the Parliament Discharge for 2014; furthermore calls on the bureau to define and publish the rules concerning the use of the GEA which should be yearly checked by an authorised accountant*

Or. en

Amendment 82

Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Calls on the bureau to make it possible for MEPs who wish to do so, to have their accounts relating to the general expenditure allowance audited by the Parliament's administration in a manner that is both efficient and effective (*for example, by taking samples or by concentrating on expenditures over a certain financial threshold*) and to publish the results on their personal webpages on the *Parliament's website; alternatively, to earmark a percentage of the general expenditure allowance for MEPs to hire an external audit;*

Amendment

36. Calls on the bureau to make it possible for MEPs who wish to do so, to have their accounts relating to the general expenditure allowance audited by the Parliament's administration in a manner that is both efficient and effective; *asks the bureau to insure that any measure taken in this regard produces no additional costs; recalls about the answer to the 2014 discharge questionnaire that "a comprehensive system of control and direct payment of the general expenditure allowance (GEA) would necessitate the creation of 40 to 75 new posts in the area of financial management, depending on the degree of control required"; recalls about the principle of the independence of the mandate and the risk which goes along with the above mentioned change to silence critical politicians with administrative means;*

Or. en

Amendment 83

Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Calls on the bureau to make it possible for MEPs who wish to do so, to have their accounts relating to the general expenditure allowance audited by the Parliament's administration in a manner that is both efficient and effective (*for example, by taking samples or by concentrating on expenditures over a*

Amendment

36. Calls on the bureau to make it possible for MEPs who wish to do so, to have their accounts relating to the general expenditure allowance audited by the Parliament's administration in a manner that is both efficient and effective; *asks the bureau to insure that any measure taken in this regard produces no additional*

certain financial threshold) and to publish the results on their personal webpages on the Parliament's website; alternatively, to earmark a percentage of the general expenditure allowance for MEPs to hire an external audit;

costs; recalls about the answer to the 2014 discharge questionnaire that "a comprehensive system of control and direct payment of the general expenditure allowance (GEA) would necessitate the creation of 40 to 75 new posts in the area of financial management, depending on the degree of control required"; recalls about the principle of the independence of the mandate;

Or. en

Amendment 84
Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Calls on the bureau to make it possible for MEPs who wish to do so, to have their accounts relating to the general expenditure allowance audited *by the Parliament's administration in a manner that is both efficient and effective (for example, by taking samples or by concentrating on expenditures over a certain financial threshold) and to publish the results on their personal webpages on the Parliament's website; alternatively, to earmark a percentage of the general expenditure allowance for MEPs to hire an external audit;*

Amendment

36. Calls on the bureau to make it possible for MEPs who wish to do so, to have their accounts relating to the general expenditure allowance audited *in a way that would not create additional administrative burden or costs to the administration or MEPs offices. Points out that in non-Eurozone member states most expenses defrayed from GEA are in national currencies, therefore making it difficult to establish common auditing practices.*

Or. en

Amendment 85
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. ***Calls on*** the bureau to ***make it possible for*** MEPs who wish to do so, to have their accounts relating to the general expenditure allowance audited by the Parliament's administration in a manner that is both efficient and effective (for example, by taking samples or by concentrating on expenditures over a certain financial threshold) and to publish the results on their personal webpages on the Parliament's website; ***alternatively, to earmark a percentage of the general expenditure allowance for MEPs to hire an external audit;***

Amendment

36. ***Invites*** the bureau to ***examine the administrative burden and financial costs of facilitating, for those individual*** MEPs who wish to do so, ***the opportunity*** to have their accounts relating to the general expenditure allowance audited by the Parliament's administration in a manner that is both efficient and effective (for example, by taking samples or by concentrating on expenditures over a certain financial threshold) and to publish the results on their personal webpages on the Parliament's website;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment 87
Marco Valli, Laura Agea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36a. Notes the low awareness amongst MEPs of the possibility of returning general expenditure allowance surpluses; asks the secretary-general to publicise this as a priority; urges MEPs to return surpluses;

Or. en

Amendment

36a. Stresses that the need for greater transparency regarding general expenditure allowances for MEPs makes it advisable for each MEP to submit end-of-year public reports of the accounts relating to those allowances; calls, in addition, for such public reporting to become mandatory as from 2019 following the revision of the Statute for Members;

Or. it

Amendment 88
Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36a. Calls on the Secretary-General to conduct a study into the cost of introducing systematic checks in connection with the general expenditure allowance;

Or. fr

Amendment 89
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37. Similarly, calls on the Secretary-general to ***make it possible for*** MEPs who ***wish to do so, that*** payments of all other allowances ***are also published on their personal webpages on the Parliament's website;***

37. Similarly, calls on the Secretary-General to ***provide*** MEPs who ***would like to publish details of*** payments ***to them*** of all other ***Parliament*** allowances, ***on their own websites, with appropriate data records that can be easily reprocessed;***

Amendment 90
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. Similarly, *calls on* the Secretary-general to *make it possible for* MEPs who wish to do so, that payments of *all* other allowances are also published on their personal webpages on the Parliament's website;

Amendment

37. Similarly, *invites* the secretary-general to *examine the possibility, for those individual* MEPs who wish to do so, that payments of other allowances are also published on their personal webpages on the Parliament's website;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Benedek Jávor
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. *Similarly*, calls on the *Secretary-general* to make *it possible for MEPs who wish to do so, that payments of all other allowances are also published on their personal webpages on the Parliament's website*;

Amendment

37. Calls on the *bureau* to make *the following change concerning the general expenditure allowance*;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Benedek Jávor
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 – point 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(1) *The general expenditure allowance should be handled in all cases in a separate bank account; all receipts should be kept by the MEPs;*

Or. en

Amendment 93

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 37 – point 2 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(2) *The unspent amount should be returned at the end of the mandate;*

Or. en

Amendment 94

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 37 – point 3 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(3) *A 5% sample checks of the general expenditure allowance spending should be introduced by the EP internal auditing; the final results and the findings should be part of the annual report published by the EP;*

Or. en

Amendment 95

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 37 – point 4 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(4) The MEPs should publish, on an annual basis, an overview of their expenditures by category (communication costs, office rental, office supplies...);

Or. en

Amendment 96

Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

38. Calls on the secretary-general to ensure that the accounts of the political groups are easily accessible on the Parliament's website in a format that allows for quick and easy searches;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 97

Ingeborg Gräble

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

38. Calls on the secretary-general to ensure that the accounts of the political groups are easily accessible on the Parliament's website in a format that

38. Calls on the Secretary-General to assist interested political groups, too, in the same way;

allows for quick and easy searches;

Or. de

Amendment 98
Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. *Calls on the secretary-general to ensure* that the accounts of the political groups *are easily* accessible on the Parliament's website *in a format that allows for quick and easy searches;*

Amendment

38. *Notes* that the accounts of the political groups *and of NI are* accessible on the Parliament's website;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Ryszard Czarnecki, Notis Marias, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. *Calls on the secretary-general to ensure* that the accounts of the political groups are easily accessible on the Parliament's website in a format that allows for quick and easy searches;

Amendment

38. *Notes* that the accounts of the political groups *and of NI* are easily accessible on the Parliament's website in a format that allows for quick and easy searches;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. ***Calls on*** the secretary-general ***to ensure that*** the accounts of the political groups ***are easily*** accessible on the Parliament's website in a format that allows for quick and easy searches;

Amendment

38. ***Invites*** the secretary-general ***also to examine the possibility to make a general overview of*** the accounts of the political groups accessible on the Parliament's website in a format that allows for quick and easy searches;

Or. en

Amendment 101
Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

39. ***Similarly, calls on the secretary-general to ensure on*** Parliament's website ***full disclosure of the underlying*** documents regarding the decision on the recognition of the European political parties and European political foundations ***and the determination of the final*** funding amount;

Amendment

39. ***Notes that the*** Parliament's website ***makes available a range of*** documents regarding the decision on the recognition of the European political parties and European political foundations ***alongside details of specification of final funding amount; asks the Parliament to request the Commission to present a proposal for a revision of the regulation on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations, including stricter requirements for the setting up of European political foundations, in order to prevent abuses;***

Or. en

Amendment 102
Ryszard Czarnecki, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39. ***Similarly, calls on the secretary-general to ensure on Parliament's website full disclosure of the underlying*** documents regarding the decision on the recognition of the European political parties and European political foundations ***and the determination of the final funding amount;***

39. ***Notes that the*** Parliament's website ***makes available a range of*** documents regarding the decision on the recognition of the European political parties and European political foundations;

Or. en

Amendment 103
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

39. ***Similarly,*** calls on the secretary-general to ensure on Parliament's website ***full disclosure of the underlying documents*** regarding the decision on the recognition of the European political parties and European political foundations and the determination of the final funding amount;

Amendment

39. Calls on the secretary-general to ensure on Parliament's website ***sufficient information*** regarding the decision on the recognition of the European political parties and European political foundations and the determination of the final funding amount;

Or. en

Amendment 104
Markus Pieper

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40

Motion for a resolution

40. Welcomes the introduction of a special form ***for*** rapporteurs ***to*** indicate which interest representatives had influenced their reports (legislative footprint);

Amendment

40. Welcomes the introduction of a special form ***on which*** rapporteurs ***can voluntarily*** indicate which interest representatives had influenced their reports (legislative footprint);

Amendment 105

Ryszard Czarnecki, Notis Marias, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 40

Motion for a resolution

40. Welcomes the introduction of a special form for rapporteurs to indicate which interest representatives had influenced their reports (legislative footprint);

Amendment

40. Welcomes the introduction of a special form for rapporteurs **which enables** to indicate which interest representatives had influenced their reports (legislative footprint);

Amendment 106

Ingeborg Gräble, Tamás Deutsch, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 40

Motion for a resolution

40. Welcomes the introduction of a special form for rapporteurs **to** indicate which interest representatives had influenced their reports (legislative footprint);

Amendment

40. Welcomes the introduction of a special form for rapporteurs **where they can** indicate which interest representatives had influenced their reports (legislative footprint);

Amendment 107

Ryszard Czarnecki, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 41

Motion for a resolution

41. Reiterates its call for a report by

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Amendment

41. Reiterates its call for a report by

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Parliament's administration on the use of the Parliament's premises by interest representatives and other external organisations, *whilst paying special attention to the MEP-industry fora*;

Parliament's administration on the use of the Parliament's premises by interest representatives and other external organisations;

Or. en

Amendment 108

Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 41

Motion for a resolution

41. Reiterates its call for a report by Parliament's administration on the use of the Parliament's premises by interest representatives and other external organisations, *whilst paying special attention to the MEP-industry fora*;

Amendment

41. Reiterates its call for a report by Parliament's administration on the use of the Parliament's premises by interest representatives and other external organisations;

Or. en

Amendment 109

Markus Pieper

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 41

Motion for a resolution

41. Reiterates its call for a report by Parliament's administration on the use of the Parliament's premises by interest representatives and other external organisations, whilst paying special attention to the *MEP-industry* fora;

Amendment

41. Reiterates its call for a report by Parliament's administration on the use of the Parliament's premises by interest representatives and other external organisations, whilst paying special attention to the *MEP-industry-NGO* fora;

Or. de

Amendment 110

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 41 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

41a. *Recalls the obligation on MEPs to inform the administration immediately of any change in their declarations of interests; regrets that the CVs and declarations of interests of the MEPs are uploaded to Parliament's website very late; believes that the MEPs' declarations of interest should be published in a machine-readable format; is of the opinion that the ethical ad hoc advisory committee should conduct its work more transparently;*

Or. en

Amendment 111

Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 42 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

42. Is concerned that the current code of conduct for MEPs ***does not offer sufficient safeguards*** in order to avoid conflicts of interests ***and expresses the need for the establishment of a working group on the strengthening of the code of conduct in respect of, inter alia, the following issues:***

42. Is concerned that the current code of conduct for MEPs ***may require further improvements*** in order to avoid conflicts of interests ***paying specific attention to:***

Or. en

Amendment 112

Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 42 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

42. Is concerned that the current code of conduct for MEPs ***does not offer sufficient safeguards*** in order to avoid conflicts of interests ***and expresses the need for the establishment of a working group on the strengthening of the code of conduct in respect of, inter alia,*** the following issues:

Amendment

42. Is concerned that the current code of conduct for MEPs ***may require further improvements*** in order to avoid conflicts of interests ***paying specific attention to*** the following issues:

Or. en

Amendment 113

Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 42 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

42. ***Is concerned that*** the current code of conduct for MEPs ***does not offer*** sufficient safeguards in order to avoid conflicts of interests and ***expresses the need for*** the establishment of a working group on the ***strengthening*** of the code of conduct ***in respect of, inter alia, the following issues:***

Amendment

42. ***Considers whether*** the current code of conduct for MEPs ***offers*** sufficient safeguards in order to ***efficiently*** avoid conflicts of interests and ***invites the bureau to examine the possibility of*** the establishment of a working group on the ***modernization*** of the code of conduct;

Or. en

Amendment 114

Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 42 – indent 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *paid side jobs of MEPs;* *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 115
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42 – indent 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *engaging in lobbying activities directed towards the European institutions by former MEPs during the period of time in which they are entitled to a transition allowance;* *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 116
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42 – indent 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *oversight over the registration of declarations of MEPs' interests;* *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 117
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42 – indent 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *the composition and competences* *deleted*

of the advisory committee.

Or. en

Amendment 118

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 42 – indent 2

Motion for a resolution

– *engaging in lobbying activities directed towards the European institutions* by former MEPs during the period of time in which they are entitled to a transition allowance;

Amendment

– *a clear cooling off period* by former MEPs during the period of time in which they are entitled to a transition allowance *while engaging in lobbying activities directed towards the European institutions period* ;

Or. en

Amendment 119

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 42 – indent 3

Motion for a resolution

– oversight over the registration of declarations of MEPs' interests;

Amendment

– *a strict* oversight over the registration of declarations of MEPs' interests;

Or. en

Amendment 120

Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 42 – indent 3

Motion for a resolution

– **oversight over** the registration of declarations of MEPs' interests;

Amendment

– the registration of declarations of MEPs' interests;

Or. en

Amendment 121
Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42 – indent 3

Motion for a resolution

– **oversight over** the registration of declarations of MEPs' interests;

Amendment

– the registration of declarations of MEPs' interests;

Or. en

Amendment 122
Benedek Jávor
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Dennis de Jong, Monica Macovei, Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 42 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

42a. Strongly believes that Article 3 of the Code of Conduct for Members should be rephrased to include a clear ban on MEPs holding additional jobs or other paid work;

Or. en

Amendment 123
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 43 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

43a. *Expresses its dissatisfaction at Parliament's current communication strategy; considers that there are serious problems with the effectiveness and coherence of the current strategy and particularly with the amount of funding it receives, and asks the service to draw up a communication strategy which will serve the interests of the institution effectively and economically;*

Or. hu

Amendment 124
Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 44

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

44. Supports the various programmes aimed at facilitating visits by journalists and citizens *at large* who are interested in finding out more on Parliament's activities;

44. Supports the various programmes aimed at facilitating visits by journalists and citizens who are interested in finding out more on Parliament's activities;

Or. en

Amendment 125
Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 44 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

44a. *Reiterates, in this regard, its call in the 2014 discharge where it was noted that the Parliament website remained relatively user-unfriendly, difficult to*

navigate and had not yet incorporated the most recent technological developments with the result that it was difficult to find relevant information quickly; it was also pointed out that, given the importance of communication with European citizens, the website did not contribute to improving the image of the Parliament with the public at large;

Or. en

Amendment 126
Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 44 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

44b. *Calls on DG COM to introduce a more efficient and user-friendly website that incorporates a more efficient website search engine, one that will heighten the profile of the Parliament with the general public and respond more directly to the needs and interests of citizens; notes that merely mediocre results have been obtained despite the expenditure of large resources;*

Or. en

Amendment 127
Raffaele Fitto, Ryszard Czarnecki, Monica Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 45

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

45. Is, however, not convinced of the effectiveness of Parliament's communication strategy in respect of those

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who are not automatically interested in Parliament's activities or are even sceptical about its functioning; invites the secretary-general to develop a new strategy to reach also these citizens and to concentrate in that respect less on "sending messages" than on facilitating access to information and on addressing unjustified prejudices against the Parliament;

who are not automatically interested in Parliament's activities or are even sceptical about its functioning; invites the secretary-general to develop a new strategy to reach also these citizens and to concentrate in that respect less on "sending messages" than on facilitating access to information and on addressing unjustified prejudices against the Parliament; ***hopes the secretary-general would put in place a communication strategy that can improve the cost-effectiveness ratio, avoiding unnecessary and costly advertising campaigns;***

Or. en

Amendment 128
Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 45

Motion for a resolution

45. ***Is, however, not convinced of the effectiveness of Parliament's communication strategy in respect of those who are not automatically interested in Parliament's activities or are even sceptical about its functioning;*** invites the secretary-general to ***develop a new strategy to reach also these citizens and to concentrate in that respect less on "sending messages" than on facilitating access to information and on addressing unjustified prejudices against the*** Parliament;

Amendment

45. ***Expresses concern about the effectiveness of the parliament's communication strategy;*** invites the secretary-general to ***launch a comprehensive review of the current strategy to evaluate its capacity to increase understanding and improve public perception of the*** Parliament.

Or. en

Amendment 129
Petri Sarvamaa
on behalf of the Committee on Budgetary Control

José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 45

Motion for a resolution

45. *Is, however, not convinced of the effectiveness of* Parliament's communication strategy in respect of those who are not automatically interested *in Parliament's activities* or are even sceptical about its functioning; invites the Secretary-General to develop a new strategy to reach also these citizens *and to concentrate in that respect less on "sending messages" than on* facilitating access to information and *on* addressing unjustified prejudices against the Parliament;

Amendment

45. *Calls for closer attention to be given to* Parliament's communication strategy in respect of those who are not automatically interested in *the institution* or are even sceptical about its functioning; invites the Secretary-General to develop a new strategy to reach also these citizens, facilitating access to information and *adequately* addressing unjustified prejudices against the Parliament;

Or. es

Amendment 130

Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 45

Motion for a resolution

45. *Is, however, not convinced of the effectiveness of* Parliament's communication strategy *in respect of* those who are not automatically interested in Parliament's activities or *are* even sceptical about its functioning; invites the secretary-general to develop a new strategy to reach *also* these citizens *and to concentrate in that respect less on "sending messages" than on* facilitating access to information and *on* addressing unjustified prejudices against the Parliament;

Amendment

45. *Calls for a more active approach in* Parliament's communication strategy *towards* those who are not automatically interested in Parliament's activities or even sceptical about its functioning; invites the secretary-general to develop a new strategy to *further* reach *out also to* these citizens, facilitating access to information and *adequately* addressing unjustified prejudices against the Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 131

Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 45

Motion for a resolution

45. *Is, however, not convinced of the effectiveness of Parliament's communication strategy in respect of those who are not automatically interested in Parliament's activities or are even sceptical about its functioning; invites the secretary-general to develop a new strategy to reach also these citizens and to concentrate in that respect less on "sending messages" than on facilitating access to information and on addressing unjustified prejudices against the Parliament;*

Amendment

45. *Calls for a more active approach in Parliament's communication strategy towards those who are not automatically interested in Parliament's activities or are even sceptical about its functioning; invites the secretary-general to develop new actions to further reach out also to these citizens, facilitating access to information, making full use of Parliament's strong social media platforms and adequately addressing unjustified prejudices against the Parliament;*

Or. en

Amendment 132

Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. *Is not convinced of the need to have information offices of the Parliament in all Member States, especially in view of the fact that for effective communication physical presence may not always be necessary and can easily be replaced by effective and responsive internet facilities; is in particular sceptical about having an information office in the cities of Brussels and Strasbourg as in both cities the Parliament itself can be visited and in*

Amendment

deleted

addition for interested visitors there is or will be a Parliamentarium at their disposal;

Or. en

Amendment 133

Ryszard Czarnecki, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. *Is not convinced of the need to have information offices of the Parliament in all Member States, especially in view of the fact that for effective communication physical presence may not always be necessary and can easily be replaced by effective and responsive internet facilities; is in particular sceptical about having an information office in the cities of Brussels and Strasbourg as in both cities the Parliament itself can be visited and in addition for interested visitors there is or will be a Parliamentarium at their disposal;*

Amendment

46. *Notes that the Parliament's information offices' task is to better inform citizens; calls therefore for better use of modern ways of communication;*

Or. en

Amendment 134

Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. *Is not convinced of the need to have information offices of the Parliament in all Member States, especially in view of the fact that for effective communication physical presence may not always be*

Amendment

46. *Is not convinced the Information Offices in all Member States are currently best serving the interests of the Parliament; calls on the secretary-general to review their effectiveness as part of the*

necessary and can easily be replaced by effective and responsive internet facilities; is in particular sceptical about having an information office in the cities of Brussels and Strasbourg as in both cities the Parliament itself can be visited and in addition for interested visitors there is or will be a Parliamentarium at their disposal;

aforementioned strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 135
Andrey Novakov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. *Is not convinced of the need to have information offices of the Parliament in all Member States, especially in view of the fact that for effective communication physical presence may not always be necessary and can easily be replaced by effective and responsive internet facilities; is in particular sceptical about having an information office in the cities of Brussels and Strasbourg as in both cities the Parliament itself can be visited and in addition for interested visitors there is or will be a Parliamentarium at their disposal;*

Amendment

46. Information offices *in the* Member States *play an important role in raising awareness among the citizens of the Union and promoting their contribution to policy-making, notably with 320 legislative events, 587 MEPs appearances and 6 825 stakeholder organizations attracting 31 413 participants in 2015.*

Or. en

Amendment 136
Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. *Is not convinced of the need to have information offices of the Parliament in all Member States, especially in view of the fact that for effective communication physical presence may not always be necessary and can easily be replaced by effective and responsive internet facilities; is in particular sceptical about having an information office in the cities of Brussels and Strasbourg as in both cities the Parliament itself can be visited and in addition for interested visitors there is or will be a Parliamentarium at their disposal;*

Amendment

46. *Acknowledges the important role of the information offices of the Parliament in the Member States, which represent a communication link between the institution and the general public; stresses, however, that the Parliament should regularly assess efficacy of work and activities of the information offices via targeted impact assessment and should consider other more cost-efficient options, such as relevant internet facilities, that could potentially replace offices with low impact; invites the Parliament to reconsider the necessity of having an information office in the cities of Brussels and Strasbourg as in both cities the Parliament itself can be visited and in addition for interested visitors there is or will be a Parliamentarium at their disposal;*

Or. en

Amendment 137

Karin Kadenbach, Othmar Karas, Ulrike Lunacek

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. *Is not convinced of the need to have information offices of the Parliament in all Member States, especially in view of the fact that for effective communication physical presence may not always be necessary and can easily be replaced by effective and responsive internet facilities; is in particular sceptical about having an information office in the cities of Brussels and Strasbourg as in both cities the Parliament itself can be visited and in addition for interested visitors there is or will be a Parliamentarium at their disposal;*

Amendment

46. *Is convinced that the Parliament Information Offices fulfil an important role in supporting MEPs in their work and bringing the Parliament as an institution closer to the citizens in the Member states by providing useful services such as events, media work, stakeholder relations, youth networks etc.*

Amendment 138
Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. Is **not** convinced **of the need to have** information offices of the Parliament in all Member States, **especially in view of the fact that for effective communication physical presence may not always be necessary and can easily be replaced by effective and responsive internet facilities; is in particular sceptical about having an information office in the cities of Brussels and Strasbourg as in both cities the Parliament itself can be visited and in addition for interested visitors there is or will be a Parliamentarium at their disposal;**

Amendment

46. Is convinced **that** information offices of the Parliament in all Member States **are necessary to increase the visibility of the Parliament and the MEPs and provide the citizens with information. Notes with concern the rising tide of euroscepticism and calls on the Bureau to consider conducting a survey about how to improve the functioning of EPIOs.**

Amendment 139
Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. **Is not convinced of the need to have information offices of the Parliament in all Member States, especially in view of the fact that for effective communication physical presence may not always be necessary and can easily be replaced by effective and responsive internet facilities; is in particular sceptical about having an information office in the cities of Brussels**

Amendment

46. **Notes that the building and staff costs for the Parliament's information offices in the Member States are disproportionately large in relations to amount of money spent on these offices' key functions, which is to better inform citizens in the Member States of the Parliament's activities: calls on DG COMM to strike a better balance between running cost and the offices**

and Strasbourg as in both cities the Parliament itself can be visited and in addition for interested visitors there is or will be a Parliamentarium at their disposal;

communication functions;

Or. en

Amendment 140
Georgi Pirinski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. *Is not convinced of the need to have* information offices of the Parliament in all Member States, *especially in view of the fact that for effective communication physical presence may not always be necessary and can easily be replaced by effective and responsive internet facilities; is in particular sceptical about having an information office in the cities of Brussels and Strasbourg as in both cities the Parliament itself can be visited and in addition for interested visitors there is or will be a Parliamentarium at their disposal;*

Amendment

46. *Underlines that the activities of the* information offices of the Parliament in all Member States *go beyond information function and include a growing and diverse range of activities directly related to building relationships with local population and interest groups, maintaining and expanding the interest of citizens towards the parliamentary debates and agenda, including parliamentary elections by organizing different events which cannot be performed only through internet; calls, in this regard, the potential of information offices of the Parliament in all Member States to be further used and for better combination of physical and internet presence;*

Or. en

Amendment 141
José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

46. *Is not convinced of the need to have information offices of the Parliament in all Member States, especially in view of the fact that for effective communication physical presence may not always be necessary and can easily be replaced by effective and responsive internet facilities; is in particular sceptical about having an information office in the cities of Brussels and Strasbourg as in both cities the Parliament itself can be visited and in addition for interested visitors there is or will be a Parliamentarium at their disposal;*

46. *Calls for the adoption of a Parliament information office strategy based on full use of new communication and social media technologies, with the aim of promoting greater public participation (for example, by organizing debates with Members in Parliament and civil society representatives), so that both social networks and media can be heard, in a bid to achieve this aim;*

Or. es

Amendment 142
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. Is not convinced of the need to have information offices of the Parliament in all Member States, especially in view of the fact that for effective communication physical presence may not always be necessary and can easily be replaced by effective and responsive internet facilities; is in particular sceptical about having an information office in the cities of Brussels and *Strasbourg* as in *both* cities the Parliament itself can be visited and in addition for interested visitors there is or will be *a* Parliamentarium at their disposal;

Amendment

46. Is not convinced of the need to have information offices of the Parliament in all Member States, especially in view of the fact that for effective communication physical presence may not always be necessary and can easily be replaced by effective and responsive internet facilities; is in particular sceptical about having an information office in the cities of Brussels, *Strasbourg* and *Luxembourg*, as in *all three* cities the Parliament itself can be visited and in addition for interested visitors there is or will be *the* Parliamentarium *and the House of European History* at their disposal;

Or. hu

Amendment 143

Marco Valli, Laura Agea

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. Is not convinced of the need to have information offices of the Parliament in all Member States, especially in view of the fact that for effective communication physical presence may not always be necessary and can easily be replaced by effective and responsive internet facilities; is in particular sceptical about having an information office in the cities of Brussels and Strasbourg as in both cities the Parliament itself can be visited and in addition for interested visitors there is or will be a Parliamentarium at their disposal;

Amendment

46. Is not convinced of the need to have information offices of the Parliament in all Member States, especially in view of the fact that for effective communication physical presence may not always be necessary and can easily be replaced by effective and responsive internet facilities; is in particular sceptical about having an information office in the cities of Brussels and Strasbourg as in both cities the Parliament itself can be visited and in addition for interested visitors there is or will be a Parliamentarium at their disposal; ***calls, therefore, for the immediate closure of those offices;***

Or. it

Amendment 144

Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. ***Is not convinced of the need to have information offices of the Parliament in all Member States, especially in view of the fact that for effective communication physical presence may not always be necessary and can easily be replaced by effective and responsive internet facilities; is in particular sceptical about having an information office in the cities of Brussels and Strasbourg as in both cities the Parliament itself can be visited and in***

Amendment

46. ***Underlines the need to update the mission of the information offices of the Parliament so as to optimise the use of new communication technologies and patterns and take advantage of their privileged geographical position close to citizens for further intensifying the "going local" activities, such as organising debates with MEPs and civil society, with a view to listen to people and engage with them. Online debate and media attention triggered by these events***

addition for interested visitors there is or will be a Parliamentarium at their disposal;

should contribute to further increase outreach to citizens.

Or. en

Amendment 145
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. *Is not convinced of the need to have information offices of the Parliament in all Member States, especially in view of the fact that for effective communication physical presence may not always be necessary and can easily be replaced by effective and responsive internet facilities; is in particular sceptical about having an information office in the cities of Brussels and Strasbourg as in both cities the Parliament itself can be visited and in addition for interested visitors there is or will be a Parliamentarium at their disposal;*

Amendment

46. *Underlines the need to update the mission of the information offices of the Parliament so as to optimise the use of new communication technologies and patterns and take advantage of their privileged geographical position close to citizens to further intensify "going local" activities, such as organising debates with MEPs and civil society, with a view to listen to people and engage with them. Online debate and media attention triggered by these events should contribute to further increase outreach to citizens;*

Or. en

Amendment 146
Martina Dlabajová, Nedzhmi Ali

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. Is *not* convinced of the need to have information offices of the Parliament in all Member States, especially in view of the fact that for effective communication physical presence *may not always be*

Amendment

46. Is convinced of the need to have information offices of the Parliament in all Member States, especially in view of the fact that for effective communication physical presence *is* necessary and can *not*

necessary and can *easily be* replaced by effective and responsive internet facilities; *is in particular* sceptical about having an information office in the cities of Brussels and Strasbourg as in both cities the Parliament itself can be visited and in addition for interested visitors there is or will be a Parliamentarium at their disposal;

be fully replaced by effective and responsive internet facilities; *nevertheless is* sceptical about having an information office in the cities of Brussels and Strasbourg as in both cities the Parliament itself can be visited and in addition for interested visitors there is or will be a Parliamentarium at their disposal;

Or. en

Amendment 147
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

46a. *Is concerned at the replies given to the questions for written response on Parliament's information offices in some Member States, as in most cases only a fraction of their operating costs arise from the real goals and tasks of such offices, whilst the lion's share of the money is spent on office rentals and the salaries and travel of their staff;*

Or. hu

Amendment 148
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 47

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

47. Invites the Secretary-general to improve *also* internal communication between the various directorates-general, so that, for instance, the development of *a* new important *tool* such as the legislative

47. Invites the Secretary-general to improve internal communication between the various directorates-general, so that, for instance the development of new important *tools* such as the legislative train *gets*

train *is not only* known *within the Directorate-General for Innovation and Technological Support (DG ITEC), but is automatically included in the activities of the Directorate-General for Communication (DG COMM) in order to inform both MEPs and the public at large;*

known *to a wider internal and external* public;

Or. en

Amendment 149

Inés Ayala Sender, Petra Kammerevert, Silvia Costa, Sabine Verheyen, Curzio Maltese, Helga Trüpel

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 48

Motion for a resolution

48. ***Recalls*** the joint presentation made to CONT and the Committee on Culture and Education of the survey conducted to determine whether the LUX Prize is well known and how, if at all, it is viewed in their respective Member States and of the findings therein;

Amendment

48. ***Welcomes*** the joint presentation made to CONT and the Committee on Culture and Education of the survey ***as requested in the 2013 discharge*** conducted to determine whether the LUX Prize is well known and how, if at all, it is viewed in their respective Member States and of the findings therein;

Or. en

Amendment 150

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 48

Motion for a resolution

48. ***Recalls*** the joint presentation made to CONT and the Committee on Culture and Education of the survey conducted to determine whether the LUX Prize is well known and how, if at all, it is viewed in

Amendment

48. ***Welcomes*** the joint presentation made to CONT and the Committee on Culture and Education of the survey ***as requested in the 2013 discharge*** conducted to determine whether the LUX Prize is well

their respective Member States and of the findings therein;

known and how, if at all, it is viewed in their respective Member States and of the findings therein;

Or. en

Amendment 151

Inés Ayala Sender, Petra Kammerevert, Silvia Costa, Sabine Verheyen, Curzio Maltese, Helga Trüpel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 49

Motion for a resolution

49. **Regrets, however**, that the survey mainly related to awareness of the LUX Film Prize among MEPs and film-makers, **whereas** the aim of the Prize is to illustrate to citizens Parliament's commitment to consensual values such as human rights and solidarity, as well as its commitment to cultural and linguistic diversity;

Amendment

49. **Recalls** that the survey mainly related to awareness of the LUX Film Prize among MEPs and film-makers, **on** the aim of the Prize **which** is to illustrate to citizens Parliament's commitment to consensual values such as human rights and solidarity, as well as its commitment to cultural and linguistic diversity;

Or. en

Amendment 152

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 49

Motion for a resolution

49. **Regrets, however**, that the survey mainly related to awareness of the LUX Film Prize among MEPs and film-makers, **whereas** the aim of the Prize is to illustrate to citizens Parliament's commitment to consensual values such as human rights and solidarity, as well as its commitment to cultural and linguistic diversity;

Amendment

49. **Recalls** that the survey mainly related to awareness of the LUX Film Prize among MEPs and film-makers, **on** the aim of the Prize **which** is to illustrate to citizens Parliament's commitment to consensual values such as human rights and solidarity, as well as its commitment to cultural and linguistic diversity;

Amendment 153
Benedek Jávor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 50

Motion for a resolution

50. Notes that the survey obtained a low response rate of 18 %, corresponding to 137 MEPs, and that it must be concluded that even among MEPs ***there is no consensus*** on the ***usefulness*** of the Prize;

Amendment

50. Notes that the survey obtained a low response rate of 18 %, corresponding to 137 MEPs ***from all political groups and Member States***, and that it must be concluded that even ***the awareness rate*** among MEPs ***is higher than 90%, the understanding*** on the ***LUX Film Prize purpose by 75% of the MEPs is accurate and more than 80% have a positive image of the LUX Film Prize***

Amendment 154
Inés Ayala Sender, Petra Kammerevert, Silvia Costa, Sabine Verheyen, Curzio Maltese, Helga Trüpel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 50

Motion for a resolution

50. Notes that the survey obtained a ***low*** response rate of 18 %, corresponding to 137 MEPs, and that it must be concluded that ***even*** among MEPs ***there is no consensus*** on the ***usefulness*** of the Prize;

Amendment

50. Notes that the survey obtained a response rate of 18 %, corresponding to 137 MEPs ***from all political groups and Member States***, and that it must be concluded that ***the awareness rate*** among MEPs ***is higher than 90%, the understanding*** on the ***LUX Film Prize purpose by 75% of the MEPs is accurate and more than 80% have a positive image of the LUX Film Prize***;

Amendment 155

José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 50

Motion for a resolution

50. Notes that the survey obtained a low response rate of 18 %, corresponding to 137 MEPs, and that *it must be concluded that even among MEPs there is no consensus on the usefulness of the Prize;*

Amendment

50. Notes that the survey obtained a low **MEP** response rate of 18 %, corresponding to 137 MEPs and that *more work must therefore be done of on publicising and promoting the LUX Prize;*

Or. es

Amendment 156

Inés Ayala Sender, Petra Kammerevert, Silvia Costa, Sabine Verheyen, Curzio Maltese, Helga Trüpel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 51

Motion for a resolution

51. *Is not convinced of the selection method, in which MEPs decide about the nominations and the final election of the Prize winner and invites the Bureau to report on alternative models for obtaining the desired results, for example, by supporting a comparable initiative taken by film-makers' organisations themselves;*

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 157

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 51

Motion for a resolution

51. *Is not convinced of the selection method, in which MEPs decide about the nominations and the final election of the Prize winner and invites the Bureau to report on alternative models for obtaining the desired results, for example, by supporting a comparable initiative taken by film-makers' organisations themselves;*

Amendment

51. *Calls for alternative models to be consider for example, by establishing partnerships between the Parliament and third parties with the objective to further promote the LUX Film Prize in particular within the European film industry and the European public sphere, which will allow the Parliament to reinforce the budget of the LUX Film Prize but recalls that any kind of agreement must enhance, not weaken, the role and the visibility of the Parliament.*

Or. en

Amendment 158

Inés Ayala Sender, Petra Kammerevert, Silvia Costa, Sabine Verheyen, Curzio Maltese, Helga Trüpel

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 51 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

51a. *Calls for alternative models to be consider for example, by establishing partnerships between the Parliament and third parties with the objective to further promote the LUX Film Prize in particular within the European film industry and the European public sphere, which will allow the Parliament to reinforce the budget of the LUX Film Prize but recalls that any kind of agreement must enhance, not weaken, the role and the visibility of the Parliament;*

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 159

José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 52

Motion for a resolution

52. Notes that, although during the years the amount of spectators has increased, a number of 43 000 within the Union is still *very low and makes the justification of the Lux Prize questionable*;

Amendment

52. Notes that, although during the years the amount of spectators has increased, a number of 43 000 within the Union is still low;

Or. es

Amendment 160

Inés Ayala Sender, Petra Kammerevert, Silvia Costa, Sabine Verheyen, Curzio Maltese, Helga Trüpel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 52

Motion for a resolution

52. Notes that, although *during the years the amount of spectators has increased, a number of 43.000 within the Union is still very low and makes the justification of the Lux Prize questionable*;

Amendment

52. Notes that, although *the decreasing trend in budgetary support to the LUX Film Prize itself during the years the amount of spectators has increased, thanks to communication activities and social media*;

Or. en

Amendment 161

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 52

Motion for a resolution

52. Notes that, although *during the years the amount of spectators has*

Amendment

52. Notes that, although *the decreasing trend in budgetary support to the LUX*

increased, a number of 43.000 within the Union is still very low and makes the justification of the Lux Prize questionable;

Film Prize itself during the years the amount of spectators has increased, thanks to communication activities and social media

Or. en

Amendment 162

Inés Ayala Sender, Petra Kammerevert, Silvia Costa, Sabine Verheyen, Curzio Maltese, Helga Trüpel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 54

Motion for a resolution

54. *Notes with concern the on-going discussions on the nature of temporary exhibitions and is not convinced of the fact that deciding on the contents of exhibitions in the House of European History belongs to Parliament's core business, let alone the management of a museum;*

Amendment

54. *Emphasises the importance of the academic independence of the House of European History in terms of exhibition content and design, these being determined exclusively by museological and historical criteria;*

Or. en

Amendment 163

Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 54

Motion for a resolution

54. Notes with concern the on-going discussions on the nature of temporary exhibitions *and is not convinced of the fact that deciding on* the contents of exhibitions in the House of European History *belongs to Parliament's core business*, let alone *the management* of a museum;

Amendment

54. Notes with concern the on-going discussions on the nature of temporary exhibitions; *asks if* the contents of exhibitions in the House of European History *should not be* let alone *to the competent bodies* of a museum;

Amendment 164
Raffaele Fitto, Monica Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 54

Motion for a resolution

54. Notes with concern the on-going discussions on the nature of temporary exhibitions and *is not convinced of the fact* that deciding on the contents of exhibitions in the House of European History *belongs* to Parliament's core business, let alone the management of a museum;

Amendment

54. Notes with concern the on-going discussions on the nature of temporary exhibitions and *believes* that deciding on the contents of exhibitions in the House of European History *shouldn't belong* to Parliament's core business, let alone the management of a museum;

Amendment 165
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 54 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

54a. Is pleased that, according to estimates, the House of European History will welcome 250 000 visitors a year; points out that the annual operating costs of this facility are estimated in advance at EUR 13.3 million; expresses its concern at the proportionally low number of visitors as compared with the high operating costs, bearing in mind that in 2015, Parliament welcomed 326 080 visitors and that the operating cost was just EUR 4.3 million;

Amendment 166
Benedek Jávor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 55

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

55. Calls therefore on the bureau to consider the separation of the management of the House from Parliament's own administration and to create for this purpose a separate body with the necessary expertise for running a museum;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 167
Marco Valli, Laura Agea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 55

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

55. Calls therefore on the bureau to consider the separation of the management of the House from Parliament's own administration and to create for this purpose a separate body with the necessary expertise for running a museum;

55. Calls therefore on the bureau to consider the separation of the management of the House from Parliament's own administration and to create for this purpose a separate body with the necessary expertise for running a museum; *takes the view that the management costs should be fully covered by the payment of admission tickets and by possible donations and sponsorships;*

Or. it

Amendment 168
Inés Ayala Sender, Petra Kammerevert, Silvia Costa, Sabine Verheyen, Helga Trüpel, Curzio Maltese

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 55

Motion for a resolution

55. Calls *therefore* on the bureau to consider *the separation of* the management of the House *from Parliament's own administration and to create for this purpose a separate body with the necessary expertise for running a museum;*

Amendment

55. Calls on the bureau to consider *adapting* the management of the House *of European History to a more inter-institutional approach, exploring further cooperation with other institutions of the Union, especially the Commission and the Council;*

Or. en

Amendment 169

Raffaele Fitto, Monica Macovei

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 55

Motion for a resolution

55. Calls therefore on the bureau to consider the separation of the management of the House from Parliament's own administration and to create for this purpose a separate body with the necessary expertise for running a museum;

Amendment

55. Calls therefore on the bureau to consider the separation of the management of the House from Parliament's own administration and to create for this purpose a separate body with the necessary expertise *and its own budget* for running a museum;

Or. en

Amendment 170

Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 55 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

55a. Welcomes the Commission decision to contribute EUR 800 000 a year to the operating costs of the House of European History; considers, however, that the Commission should contribute a

much higher proportion of the estimated annual operating costs of EUR 13.3 million;

Or. hu

Amendment 171
Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 56

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

56. *Notes that with the establishment of the Parliamentarium and the opening of the House of European History, the Parliament and its surroundings are becoming a tourist attraction, of which the Brussels municipalities benefit and request the Bureau to enter into a dialogue with the local authorities to see how the latter can contribute to the financing and management of the House of European History;* **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 172
Inés Ayala Sender, Petra Kammerevert, Silvia Costa, Sabine Verheyen, Helga Trüpel, Curzio Maltese

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 56

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

56. Notes that with the establishment of the Parliamentarium and the opening of the House of European History, the Parliament and its surroundings are becoming a tourist attraction, *of which the Brussels municipalities benefit and request* the Bureau to enter into a dialogue with the

56. Notes that with the establishment of the Parliamentarium and the opening of the House of European History, the Parliament and its surroundings are becoming a *citizens' and* tourist attraction *that will bring about a better knowledge of the role of the Parliament and illustrate citizens*

local authorities to see how the latter can contribute to the financing and management of the House of European History;

on Parliament's commitment to consensual values such as human rights and solidarity and requests the Bureau to consider to enter into a dialogue with the local authorities to see how the latter can contribute to the financing and management of the House of European History;

Or. en

Amendment 173

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 56

Motion for a resolution

56. Notes that with the establishment of the Parliamentarium and the opening of the House of European History, the Parliament and its surroundings are becoming a tourist attraction, *of which the Brussels municipalities benefit and* request the Bureau to enter into a dialogue with the local authorities to see how the latter can contribute to the financing and management of the House of European History;

Amendment

56. Notes that with the establishment of the Parliamentarium and the opening of the House of European History, the Parliament and its surroundings are becoming a *citizens' and* tourist attraction *that will bring about a better knowledge of the role of the Parliament and illustrate citizens on Parliament's commitment to consensual values such as human rights and solidarity* request the Bureau *to consider* to enter into a dialogue with the local authorities to see how the latter can contribute to the financing and management of the House of European History;

Or. en

Amendment 174

Marco Valli, Laura Agea

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 56

Motion for a resolution

56. Notes that with the establishment of the Parliamentarium and the opening of the House of European History, the Parliament and its surroundings are becoming a tourist attraction, of which the Brussels municipalities benefit and request the Bureau to enter into a dialogue with the local authorities to see how the latter **can** contribute to the financing and management of the House of European History;

Amendment

56. Notes that with the establishment of the Parliamentarium and the opening of the House of European History, the Parliament and its surroundings are becoming a tourist attraction, of which the Brussels municipalities benefit and request the Bureau to enter into a dialogue with the local authorities to see how the latter **should** contribute to the financing and management of the House of European History;

Or. it

Amendment 175

Benedek Jávor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 59

Motion for a resolution

59. Welcomes the fact that the number of female directors-general rose from 18,2 % in 2014 (2 out of 11) to 33,3 % in 2015 (4 out of 12), but notes with concern that the number of female directors fell from 34 % in 2014 to 31,1 % in 2015. Notes that the percentage of female heads of unit continued to rise from 30 % at the end of 2014 to 31,2 % at the end of 2015. Emphasises that imbalances for managerial posts therefore persist and that an equal opportunities programme for these posts remains of utmost importance;

Amendment

59. Welcomes the fact that the number of female directors-general rose from 18,2 % in 2014 (2 out of 11) to 33,3 % in 2015 (4 out of 12), but notes with concern that the number of female directors fell from 34 % in 2014 to 31,1 % in 2015. Notes that the percentage of female heads of unit continued to rise from 30 % at the end of 2014 to 31,2 % at the end of 2015; **reminds that the absolute majority of the Parliament staff is composed by women but that women represent a limited part of the managerial posts;** emphasises that imbalances for managerial posts therefore persist and that an equal opportunities programme for these posts remains of utmost importance; **is of the firm opinion that the Parliament should have at least 40% of women at the managerial posts by 2019;**

Or. en

Amendment 176
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 59

Motion for a resolution

59. Welcomes the fact that the **number of female** directors-general **rose** from 18,2 % **in 2014 (2 out of 11)** to 33,3 % **in 2015 (4 out of 12)**, but notes **with concern** that the **number of female** directors fell from 34 % in 2014 to 31,1 % in 2015. Notes that the **percentage of female** heads of unit continued to **rise** from 30 % at the end of 2014 to 31,2 % at the end of 2015. Emphasises that imbalances for managerial posts therefore persist and that an equal opportunities programme for these posts remains of utmost importance;

Amendment

59. Welcomes the fact that the **gender balance of the** directors-general **improved** from 18,2 % / **81,8 % in 2014** to 33,3 % / **66,7 % in 2015**, but notes that the **gender balance of** directors fell from 34 % / **66 % in 2014** to 31,1 % / **68,9 % in 2015**. Notes that the **gender balance in** heads of unit continued to **improve** from 30 % / **70 % at the end of 2014** to 31,2 % / **68,8 % at the end of 2015**. Emphasises that imbalances for managerial posts therefore persist and that an equal opportunities programme for these posts remains of utmost importance;

Or. en

Amendment 177
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 60 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

60a. Emphasises that geographical balance, namely the relationship between staff nationality and the size of Member States, should still remain an important element of resources management particularly with respect to the Member States that have acceded to the Union since 2004, welcomes the fact that the Parliament has reached an overall balanced composition of officials from the Member States which joined the Union

Amendment

before and since 2004; but points out that these Member States still represent only 3 % of staff at "higher administrator" (AD12-16) level at the three places of work, compared to their share of the population of the Union, which is 21 %, for which progress is still awaited;

Or. en

Amendment 178
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 60 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

60a. Regrets that staffing decisions taken in accordance with the Staff Regulations and adopted by Parliament's Bureau are called into question years later as a result of attacks on the former President in connection with national elections;

notes with concern the leaks from Parliament's internal services to the German press of personal information and documents, disregarding Parliament's obligations in respect of personal data protection;

asks the Secretary-General to introduce a secure and reliable personal data protection strategy for the benefit of the institution's staff.

Or. es

Amendment 179
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 60 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

60b. *Regrets that the various items of personal information used in attacks on the former President in connection with the German elections are focusing on the staff allocation procedure, which have in fact been regularly used in line with the Statute by the various Presidents of the European Parliament;*

Or. es

Amendment 180
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 64

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

64. Emphasises that the administration *should* carefully **monitor the working conditions** of external staff on Parliament premises, such as canteen and cleaning staff, **and, in particular, the observance of the applicable legislation, for example, the prohibition of 0-hours contracts;**

64. **Notes the Secretary-General's replies regarding conditions for external contracting by Parliament;** emphasises that the administration **must** carefully **and systematically ensure strict compliance by service providers with employment, safety and welfare legislation etc. applicable to all** external staff **working** on Parliament premises, such as canteen, cleaning and **maintenance** staff **etc.;** **calls on Parliament to introduce regular alert and monitoring mechanisms for the prevention and detection of any isolated or systematic cases of negligence, abuse or infringement, enabling it to take immediate action;**

Or. es

Amendment 181
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 64 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

64a. *Notes that the procedure to bring Parliament's security guard service in-house is complete and that the procedure do the same for the drivers' service is ongoing; calls on the Secretary-General to report to the Committee on Budgetary Control on what has been learnt from these procedures and any savings that have been made as a result;*

Or. hu

Amendment 182
Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

65. *Notes with concern that canteen personnel does not get paid according to the hours in their contract in weeks when MEPs work elsewhere, such as constituency weeks or plenary sessions in Strasbourg; calls on the secretary general to come up with a solution in negotiation with the canteen service provider that guarantees the employees the same hours and payments every week;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 183
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65

Motion for a resolution

65. Notes with concern that canteen personnel does not get paid according to the hours in their contract in weeks when MEPs work elsewhere, such as constituency weeks or plenary sessions in Strasbourg; calls on the secretary general to come up with a solution in negotiation with the canteen service provider that guarantees the employees *the same* hours and payments every week;

Amendment

65. Notes with concern that canteen personnel does not get paid according to the hours in their contract in weeks when MEPs work elsewhere, such as constituency weeks or plenary sessions in Strasbourg *and that a considerable number are placed on short-time work, affecting their employment and earnings*; calls on the Secretary-General to come up with a solution in negotiation with the canteen service provider that guarantees the employees *regular* hours and payments every week;

Or. es

Amendment 184
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 66

Motion for a resolution

66. Notes that at the end of 2015 there were 1 813 Accredited Parliamentary Assistants (APAs) working at the Parliament, compared to 1 686 a year before. Calls for special consideration of the rights of APAs and local assistants, as their contracts are directly linked to the mandate of the MEP they support;

Amendment

66. Notes that at the end of 2015 there were 1 813 Accredited Parliamentary Assistants (APAs) working at the Parliament, compared to 1 686 a year before. Calls for special consideration of the rights of APAs and local assistants, as their contracts are directly linked to the mandate of the MEP they support, *bearing in mind that APAs are staff members holding European Parliament employment contracts, while local assistants are subject to various national legislations*;

Or. es

Amendment 185

Inés Ayala Sender

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 66 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

66a. Regrets that the evaluation report on application of the provisions governing accredited parliamentary assistants was not submitted to the Committee on Budgetary Control before the end of 2016 as called for in the resolution on the 2014 discharge and still has not been submitted;

Or. es

**Amendment 186
Bogusław Liberadzki**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

67. 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 MEP and the assistant; if this trust is lacking, that in itself is reason for terminating the contract; furthermore, if the MEP has to resign because of reputational damage as a consequence of harassment or other irregularities, this normally means that the contracts of all his/her assistants will also be terminated; calls therefore for the immediate strengthening of the representation of APAs in the advisory committee on harassment, as already requested in the context of the 2014 discharge, and financial compensatory measures, for example, by paying the APAs concerned up to their salaries until the end of the term of Parliament, if their

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contracts are dissolved and the unemployment benefits do not offer full compensation of lost income;

contracts are dissolved and the unemployment benefits do not offer full compensation of lost income; ***calls on the Bureau to assign appropriate funds to cover the travel and subsistence expenses of APA plaintiffs, who often don't have the means necessary to personally come to Brussels and state their case to the harassment committee;***

Or. en

Amendment 187
Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

67. 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 MEP and the assistant; if this trust is lacking, that in itself is reason for terminating the contract; furthermore, if the MEP has to resign because of reputational damage as a consequence of harassment or other irregularities, this normally means that the contracts of all his/her assistants will also be terminated; calls therefore for the immediate strengthening of the representation of APAs in the advisory committee on harassment, as already requested in the context of the 2014 discharge and financial compensatory measures;

Or. en

Amendment 188
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67

Motion for a resolution

67. 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 MEP and the assistant; if this trust is lacking, that in itself is reason for terminating the contract; furthermore, if the MEP has to resign because of reputational damage as a consequence of harassment or other irregularities, this normally means that the contracts of all his/her assistants will also be terminated; calls therefore for the immediate strengthening of the representation of APAs in the advisory committee on harassment, as already requested in the context of the 2014 discharge, and financial compensatory measures, *for example, by paying the APAs concerned up to their salaries until the end of the term of Parliament, if their contracts are dissolved and the unemployment benefits do not offer full compensation of lost income;*

Amendment

67. 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 MEP and the assistant; if this trust is lacking, that in itself is reason for terminating the contract; furthermore, if the MEP has to resign because of reputational damage as a consequence of harassment or other irregularities, this normally means that the contracts of all his/her assistants will also be terminated; calls therefore for the immediate strengthening of the representation of APAs in the advisory committee on harassment, as already requested in the context of the 2014 discharge, and financial compensatory measures *to ensure sufficient unemployment benefits in cases where the APAs' contracts were dissolved due to harassment issues;*

Or. en

Amendment 189
Marco Valli, Laura Agea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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a particularly vulnerable position, as their contracts are based on mutual trust between the MEP and the assistant; if this trust is lacking, that in itself is reason for terminating the contract; furthermore, if the MEP has to resign because of reputational damage as a consequence of harassment or other irregularities, this normally means that the contracts of all his/her assistants will also be terminated; calls therefore for the immediate strengthening of the representation of APAs in the advisory committee on harassment, *ensuring there is a gender balance*, as already requested in the context of the 2014 discharge, and financial compensatory measures, for example, by paying the APAs concerned up to their salaries until the end of the term of Parliament, if their contracts are dissolved and the unemployment benefits do not offer full compensation of lost income;

Or. it

Amendment 190
Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67

Motion for a resolution

67. 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 MEP and the assistant; if this trust is lacking, that in itself is reason for terminating the contract; furthermore, if the MEP has to resign because of reputational damage as a consequence of harassment or other irregularities, this normally means that the contracts of all his/her assistants will also be terminated; calls therefore for the immediate strengthening of the

Amendment

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representation of APAs in the advisory committee on harassment, as already requested in the context of the **2014 discharge, and financial compensatory measures, for example, by paying the APAs concerned up to their salaries until the end of the term of Parliament, if their contracts are dissolved and the unemployment benefits do not offer full compensation of lost income;**

representation of APAs in the advisory committee on harassment, as already requested in the context of the **2013 and 2014 discharges; calls also for the possibility of financial compensatory measures for APAs to be considered in the next revision of the Staff Regulation to ensure equal treatment of APAs and recognition of their particular vulnerability in cases of harassment or whistle-blowing;**

Or. en

Amendment 191

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 67

Motion for a resolution

67. 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 MEP and the assistant; if this trust is lacking, that in itself is reason for terminating the contract; furthermore, if the MEP has to resign because of reputational damage as a consequence of **harassment** or other **irregularities**, this normally means that the contracts of all his/her assistants will also be terminated; calls therefore for the immediate strengthening of the representation of APAs in the advisory committee on harassment, as already requested in the context of the 2014 discharge, and financial compensatory measures, for example, by paying the APAs concerned up to their salaries until the end of the term of Parliament, if their contracts are dissolved and the unemployment benefits do not offer full compensation of lost income;

Amendment

67. 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 MEP and the assistant; if this trust is lacking, that in itself is reason for terminating the contract; furthermore, if the MEP has to resign because of reputational damage as a consequence of **any criminal offence** or other **violation of law**, this normally means that the contracts of all his/her assistants will also be terminated; calls therefore for the immediate strengthening of the representation of APAs in the advisory committee on harassment, as already requested in the context of the 2014 discharge, and financial compensatory measures, for example, by paying the APAs concerned up to their salaries until the end of the term of Parliament, if their contracts are dissolved and the unemployment benefits do not offer full compensation of lost

income;

Or. en

Amendment 192
Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

67b. *Welcomes the intention of the administration to launch the process for adaptation of the flat rate allowances for Strasbourg missions received by APAs, which are significantly lower than those for permanent officials; emphasises that this adaptation should be based on transparent calculation methodology with a direct correlation to the recent upwards revision of allowances and accommodation ceilings for permanent officials; also emphasises that automatic indexation of the allowances for future revisions should be introduced;*

Or. en

Amendment 193
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

67a. *Underlines that mission reimbursements ceilings for APAs have not been adjusted since 2009 and underlines that the discrepancy between these allowances among APAs and other staff has further increased following the introduction of new ceilings approved by*

the Council on 9 September 2016 and applied for staff officials as from 10 September 2016 but not for the APAs, determining a difference of at least 40 % lower rate for APAs; calls on the Bureau to adapt current APAs' allowances as from 10 September 2016 too;

Or. en

Amendment 194
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

67c. Deplores the fact that the Bureau has not responded to the requests made by Parliament in its 2013 and 2014 discharge Resolutions to apply to APAs the same daily allowances than the other staff; calls once again on the Bureau to take the necessary measures to remedy this inequality persisting from 2009;

Or. en

Amendment 195
Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

67a. Deeply regrets the fact that the employment period of an APA in the case of death or resignation of his or her Member ceases at the end of the calendar month; emphasises that this could mean that an APA would not have a single day of notice period if the Member's term of

office happens to end on the final day of a given month; calls for this unacceptable situation to be resolved in the next revision of the Staff Regulation, by linking notice periods to a defined period of time, such as four weeks, rather than to calendar months; further calls on the Bureau to swiftly introduce temporary measures that could provide a provisional solution to this problem before the legal revision takes place;

Or. en

Amendment 196
Benedek Jávor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

67a. Is concerned about the alleged practice that the APAs are illegally obliged by MEPs to undertake missions, particularly to Strasbourg, without mission orders, without mission costs or simply without travel costs; is of opinion that such a practice creates a room for abuse, where the APAs have to pay for the costs by their own means and the meanwhile they are not covered by workplace insurance without mission order; calls on the Bureau make sure that the Staff Regulation are properly implemented and sanction MEPs in case of breach of the rules;

Or. en

Amendment 197
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 67 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

67a. *Notes that trainees are entitled to a discount of EUR 0.50 on main dishes in all the self-service restaurants in Brussels and Luxembourg EUR 0.80 in Strasbourg;*
considers, however, that, taking into account their average pay levels and the high prices charged over the last two years, these discounts are not sufficient to have even a minimal impact on their finances;
calls on the Secretary-General to grant price reductions in line with their earnings;

Or. es

Amendment 198

Marco Valli, Laura Agea

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 67 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

67a. *Takes the view that recording the entries of APAs and officials into buildings through their badges will be able to safeguard Parliament from any abuses or infringements, in addition to improving security procedures by allowing for a real-time assessment of the number of people in the buildings; calls for a transparent system of badge entry recording to be developed;*

Or. it

Amendment 199

Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

67b. *Asks the administration to put forward a proposal to introduce clear guidelines regarding APA's tasks for every function group and a suitable job description;*

Or. en

Amendment 200
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

67d. *Calls on the Bureau to ensure that social and pension rights are guaranteed for APAs that have worked with no interruption for the last two legislative parliamentary terms. In this view, invites the administration to put forward a proposal that takes into account the decision to have early election in 2014 and the time spent in the recruitment procedure, for the calculation of the 10 years of service period requested by the Staff regulation;*

Or. en

Amendment 201
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

67e. Calls on the Conference of Presidents to reconsider the possibility for APAs, at certain conditions to be set, to accompany MEPs in official Parliament Delegations and Missions, as already requested by several MEPs.

Or. en

Amendment 202
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 67 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

67f. Calls on the secretary-general and the Bureau to look into and resolve problems arising mainly from the last change of term in relation to APAs (as delays in signing contracts, interruption of contracts, early European elections, etc.) which can have serious consequences on future acquisition labour rights of APAs; ask APAs' representatives to be involved in the search for solutions;

Or. en

Amendment 203
Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 69

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

69. Notes with concern that no special arrangements have been made for staff's pensions in case of a Member State leaving the Union and that it is entirely at the discretion of the Member State concerned,

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whether and to what extent it will acknowledge the pension rights of Union staff of their nationality; while recognising that this issue holds for all European institutions, invites the secretary-general to engage in a dialogue with the Commission in order to make sure that British staff do not become victimised in the case of a Brexit;

whether and to what extent it will acknowledge the pension rights of Union staff of their nationality; while recognising that this issue holds for all European institutions, invites the secretary-general to engage in a dialogue with the Commission in order to make sure that British staff do not become victimised in the case of a Brexit ***and that their statutory, contractual and acquired rights are fully safeguarded;***

Or. en

Amendment 204
Ryszard Czarnecki, Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 69

Motion for a resolution

69. Notes with concern that no special arrangements have been made for ***staff's pensions*** in case of a Member State leaving the Union ***and that it is entirely at the discretion of the Member State concerned, whether and to what extent it will acknowledge the pension rights of Union staff of their nationality;*** while recognising that this issue holds for all European institutions, invites the secretary-general to engage in a dialogue with the Commission in order to make sure that British staff do not become victimised in the case of a Brexit;

Amendment

69. Notes with concern that no special arrangements have been made for ***staff*** in case of a Member State leaving the Union; while recognising that this issue holds for all European institutions, invites the secretary-general to engage in a dialogue with the Commission in order to make sure that British staff do not become victimised in the case of a Brexit ***and that their statutory, contractual and acquired rights are fully safeguarded;***

Or. en

Amendment 205
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 69 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

69a. *Calls for a more efficient organisation of training courses in order to adapt them to the specific needs of APAs. In particular, the administration should take into account the calendar of parliamentary and MEP's activities and define tailored timetables and specific topics.*

Or. en

Amendment 206
Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 70

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

70. *Points to the fact that 43 % of Parliament's staff considers that teleworking would have a positive effect on their job satisfaction; invites the Secretary-general to promote teleworking and to see to it that only staff is present during committee meetings, that have an active role to play in supporting the chair during the meetings, as observance of the proceedings can easily be done elsewhere, as many meetings are web-streamed;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 207
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 70

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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Parliament's staff considers that teleworking would have a positive effect on their job satisfaction; *stresses that Parliament is virtually the only institution that has not introduced teleworking and the flexitime system, while both have been present for many years in most of the other institutions, including the Commission, with proven results in terms of increased productivity and better quality of life for staff members; notes that Parliament introduced occasional teleworking last October; asks the Secretary-General to report to all interested services, including Members and their assistants, on the implementation of this service; calls also for the 'flexitime' system to be incorporated as soon as possible in Parliament's working practices;*

Or. es

Amendment 208

Tomáš Zdechovský, Terry Reintke, Brando Benifei

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 70 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

70a. Calls on the Parliament to change its rules governing internships offered by MEP's and political groups in order to improve the situation of interns and trainees in the Parliament, including a decent remuneration, the definition of a limited duration of traineeships and a learning agreement.

Or. en

Amendment 209

Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 73 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

73a. *Points out that, despite previous calls for improvement, the service offered by the Parliament's travel agency remains unsatisfactory as prices are relatively high, the agency has failed to negotiate agreements with the major airlines with regard to cheaper prices and more flexibility when making travel arrangements;*

Or. en

Amendment 210
Ingeborg Gräble, Tamás Deutsch, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 73 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

73b. *Calls on the agency to actively seek to provide lower prices whatever the airline in question is; requests that the agency introduces a feedback process (user satisfaction surveys) with a view to identifying areas in which further progress might be made;*

Or. en

Amendment 211
Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 76 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

76a. Calls once again on the Bureau to make an assessment of the current situation of the Pension Fund as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 212
Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 76 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

76a. Recalls Paragraph 112 of last year's discharge report (P8_TA-PROV(2016)0150) that calls for an assessment of the current situation of the pension fund; regrets that such an assessment has not yet been delivered;

Or. en

Amendment 213
Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 78

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

78. Considers that whereas national pension funds normally have to meet strict standards and are not allowed to have any actuarial deficit at all, and the voluntary pension fund is now facing an actuarial deficit of 64 % of the actuarial commitment, calls on the secretary-general to ***submit without delay a plan of action to amend the contributions or payments of pension rights in a manner that eliminates the risk of*** early exhaustion of the fund;

78. Considers that whereas national pension funds normally have to meet strict standards and are not allowed to have any actuarial deficit at all, and the voluntary pension fund is now facing an actuarial deficit of 64 % of the actuarial commitment, calls on the secretary-general to ***present the Bureau with a comprehensive*** plan of action to ***avoid*** early exhaustion of the fund;

Amendment 214

José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 80

Motion for a resolution

80. Emphasises that in 2015 Parliament had stalled EUR 300 million on banking accounts raising no interest income whatsoever; invites the secretary-general to examine whether it is necessary to have such a high amount of liquidity and, in particular, to improve treasury management in this respect;

Amendment

80. Emphasises that in 2015 Parliament had stalled EUR 300 million on banking accounts raising no interest income whatsoever; invites the Secretary-General to examine whether it is necessary to have such a high amount of liquidity and, in particular, to improve treasury management in this respect ***and possibly find ways of increasing returns thereon;***

Or. es

Amendment 215

Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 81

Motion for a resolution

81. Encourages the secretary-general to engage with OpenBudgets.eu in order to promote transparency and accountability in the domain of Parliament's financial management;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 216

Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 81

Motion for a resolution

81. Encourages the secretary-general to *engage with* OpenBudgets.eu in order to promote transparency and accountability in the domain of Parliament's financial management;

Amendment

81. Encourages the secretary-general to *consider engaging with non-governmental organizations, such as* OpenBudgets.eu in order to promote transparency and accountability in the domain of Parliament's financial management;

Or. en

Amendment 217
Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 82

Motion for a resolution

82. *Notes that in 2015 Parliament subsidised the European Parliamentary Association with an amount of EUR 200 000 and invites the secretary-general to submit suggestions on a revision of its policies in regard of this subsidy, taking into account that the Association could also usefully be funded by contributions by its members; points in this regard to the fact that the Association, inter alia, offers discounts at certain shops and its membership thus brings with it certain material gains for its members;*

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 218
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 82

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

82. Notes that in 2015 Parliament subsidised the European Parliamentary Association with an amount of EUR 200 000 and *invites the secretary-general to submit suggestions on a revision of its policies in regard of this subsidy, taking into account that the Association could also usefully be funded by contributions by its members; points in this regard to the fact that the Association, inter alia, offers discounts at certain shops and its membership thus brings with it certain material gains for its members;*

82. Notes that in 2015 Parliament subsidised the European Parliamentary Association with an amount of EUR 200 000 and *welcomes the fact that, in the event of capacity problems, its premises are made available to visitor groups free of charge;*

Or. de

Amendment 219
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 85 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

85a. *Calls on DG ITEC to make all Parliament's web pages accessible to portable devices, as the current interfaces can hardly be deemed compatible with portable devices, even though a large proportion of visitors to the pages use an iPad or mobile phone to access the sites of Parliament and the specialised committees; proposes the implementation of measures to improve, tangibly and within a reasonable time-frame, the accessibility of the web pages to portable devices;*

Or. hu

Amendment 220
José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

86. Finds it unacceptable that printers have to be placed in the offices of staff members and in particular of APAs, leading to dangerous levels of emissions of particles; calls for measures taken by DG ITEC and Directorate-General for Infrastructure and Logistics (DG INLO) to create possibilities for printers to be located strategically, but outside the offices; *deleted*

Or. es

Amendment 221
Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

86. Finds it unacceptable that printers have to be placed in the offices of staff members and in particular of APAs, leading to dangerous levels of emissions of particles; calls for measures taken by DG ITEC and Directorate-General for Infrastructure and Logistics (DG INLO) to create possibilities for printers to be located strategically, but outside the offices; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 222
Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

86. Finds it ***unacceptable that printers have to be placed in the offices of staff members and in particular of APAs, leading*** to dangerous levels of emissions of particles; calls for measures taken by DG ITEC and Directorate-General for Infrastructure and Logistics (DG INLO) to ***create possibilities for printers to be located strategically, but outside the offices;***

86. Finds it ***essential for the mandate of the MEPs that printers remain in their offices; points out that cheap generic cartridges may possibly lead*** to dangerous levels of emissions of particles ***and to health damages;*** calls ***therefore*** for measures ***to be*** taken by DG ITEC and Directorate-General for Infrastructure and Logistics (DG INLO) to ***promote the procurement of eco-friendly printers and to ensure the sole use of original cartridges;***

Or. en

Amendment 223
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 86

Motion for a resolution

86. Finds it ***unacceptable that printers have to be placed*** in the offices of staff members ***and in particular of APAs, leading to*** dangerous levels of emissions of particles; calls ***for measures taken by*** DG ITEC and Directorate-General for Infrastructure and Logistics (DG INLO) to ***create*** possibilities for printers to be located strategically, but outside the offices;

Amendment

86. Finds it ***worth investigating if the printers*** in the offices of ***all parliamentary*** staff members ***are producing*** dangerous levels of emissions of particles; calls ***on*** DG ITEC and Directorate-General for Infrastructure and Logistics (DG INLO) to ***consider*** possibilities for printers to be located strategically, but outside the offices;

Or. en

Amendment 224
Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 87 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

87a. Takes the view that DG INTE resources ought to be considerably expanded; is concerned at the late availability of texts put to the vote in plenary in all languages;

Or. fr

Amendment 225
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 89 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

89a. DG EXPO

Welcomes the fact that certain public meetings of interparliamentary delegations are already being broadcast by webstreaming; asks the Secretary-General to continue developing and expanding this service, together with the content of the delegations' web pages;

Or. es

Amendment 226
Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 90

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

90. Notes that the 2010 – medium *erm* building strategy is currently being revised; calls for extending such a strategy to a longer-term perspective, and including a case scenario with the consequences of *a materialised* Brexit;

90. Notes that the 2010 – medium *term* building strategy is currently being revised; calls for extending such a strategy to a longer-term perspective, and including a case scenario with the consequences of Brexit;

Or. en

Amendment 227

Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 90 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

90a. Expresses its satisfaction with the progress that has already been achieved in the modernisation process of DG INTE, notably with respect to the enhanced availability of interpreters, the moderate increase in the number of hours interpreters spend delivering interpretation and the improved distribution of interpreter workloads; notes that the calculation method with regard to statistics has been clarified and that all annual leave and sick leave have now been excluded from the calculation of the average number of hours spent by interpreters in the booth;

Or. en

Amendment 228

Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 91 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

91a. Deeply regrets the decision to change the furniture in the offices of Members and their assistants in Brussels and calls for this to be halted immediately; notes that most of the furniture is perfectly serviceable and presentable and that there is therefore absolutely no need to change it; considers that feedback from a number

*of Members - as opposed to a general survey - is not alone sufficient justification, while arguments put forward by the administration on matters of taste, fashion or outdated style are equally inadequate; individual items of furniture should only be changed if there are clear signs of deterioration, major wear and tear or health risk at the workplace of a specific or general nature (such as the possible development of more ergonomic office chairs);
at a time of economic crisis resulting in our current straitened financial circumstances, such concern with external appearances might seriously compromise the credibility of of Parliament and its Members in particular in the eyes of the citizens and of public opinion;*

Or. es

Amendment 229
Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 92

Motion for a resolution

92. Recognises that in accordance with the bureau decisions of 2013 and 2015, the new catering contracts do not foresee any direct subsidies from the Parliament's budget; is concerned, however, that certain services **are currently** offered at higher than market prices; refers in this respect to the coffee service during meetings, **which comes at EUR 4 per cup; calls on the secretary-general to continue discussing the pricing policies of the caterers and to make sure that they do not charge higher-than-market prices for certain services;**

Amendment

92. Recognises that in accordance with the bureau decisions of 2013 and 2015, the new catering contracts do not foresee any direct subsidies from the Parliament's budget; is concerned, however, that certain services **were** offered at higher than market prices **in 2015**; refers in this respect to the coffee service during meetings; **notes prices were revised in August 2016;**

Or. en

Amendment 230
Inés Ayala Sender

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 92 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

92a. *Regrets deeply the arbitrary, subjective and disproportionate criteria used for the recruitment of drivers and the internalization of this service initiated in 2016 for safety reasons; regrets that the procedure did not take into account the skills and experience acquired by drivers during years of work in direct contact with Members and the relationship of trust established with them and the fact that they then found themselves unemployed, many of them already at an age at which it is difficult to find work.*

Or. es

Amendment 231
Ingeborg Gräble, Tamás Deutsch, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 93

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

93. Is concerned about the **problematic** social dialogue between DG INTE and the representatives of interpreters, which started in January 2014 and whereby until now no agreement could be reached; calls on the secretary general to **initiate a mediation between the parties involved** to improve the mutual understanding of the positions and to find solutions that are **agreeable to all**;

93. Is concerned about the **lack of results of the** social dialogue between DG INTE and the representatives of interpreters **concerning the adoption of new working conditions**, which started in January 2014 and whereby until now no agreement could be reached; calls on the secretary general to improve the mutual understanding of the positions and to find solutions that are **both in line with the interest of the Parliament and offer an adequate level of social protection for**

staff;

Or. en

Amendment 232

Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 93 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

93a. Request information from the secretary-general regarding the measures that have been taken since the adoption of the resolution on the discharge on the budget 2014 to achieve more resource efficiency and effectiveness of meeting organisation by streamlining conference management in Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 233

Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 94

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

94. Welcomes the continuous efforts to work on the safety in and around the premises of the buildings of the Parliament; acknowledges that safety within the Parliament represents a delicate balancing between achieving safety with a number of measures, and ***avoiding transforming its buildings into fortresses, which, as a side effect, may lead to anxiety for its users;***

94. Welcomes the continuous efforts to work on the safety in and around the premises of the buildings of the Parliament; acknowledges that safety within the Parliament represents a delicate balancing between achieving safety with a number of measures, and ***introducing an overly security conscious regime that slows down the activity of the parliament ; but, nevertheless, insists that building security should be further reinforced and calls on the secretary-general to ensure that staff are correctly trained and able to***

perform their tasks, including in emergency situations, professionally;

Or. en

Amendment 234

Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 94

Motion for a resolution

94. Welcomes the continuous efforts to ***work on*** the safety in and around the premises of the buildings of the Parliament; acknowledges that ***safety*** within the Parliament ***represents*** a delicate ***balancing*** between ***achieving*** safety ***with a number of measures, and avoiding transforming its buildings into fortresses, which, as a side effect, may lead to anxiety for its users;***

Amendment

94. Welcomes the continuous efforts to ***guarantee*** the safety in and around the premises of the buildings of the Parliament; acknowledges that ***security*** within the Parliament ***entails*** a delicate ***balance*** between ***ensuring*** safety ***and maintaining Parliament's image as an open and transparent institution;***

Or. en

Amendment 235

Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 94

Motion for a resolution

94. Welcomes the continuous efforts to work on the safety in and around the premises of the ***buildings of the*** Parliament; acknowledges that safety within the Parliament represents a delicate balancing between achieving safety with a number of measures, and avoiding transforming its buildings into fortresses, which, as a side effect, may lead to anxiety for its users;

Amendment

94. Welcomes the continuous efforts to work on the safety in and around the premises of the Parliament; acknowledges that safety within the Parliament represents a delicate balancing between achieving safety with a number of measures, and avoiding transforming its buildings into fortresses, which, as a side effect, may lead to anxiety for its users;

Amendment 236
Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 94 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

94a. Calls on the secretary-general to reinforce security and to ensure that cooperation between the institutions of the Union is actively pursued alongside cooperation between the Belgian, French and Luxemburgish authorities.

Or. en

Amendment 237
Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 94 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

94b. Call on the DG ITEC and DG SAFE to reinforce anti- hacking measures in light of the increased threat of cyber-attack in recent months;

Or. en

Amendment 238
Benedek Jávor
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 95 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

95a. 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 also sub-contracted service providers must equally comply with the rules; deplores the high use of plastic bottles, cups, containers and packaging in the Parliament in this respect;

Or. en

Amendment 239
José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 97

Motion for a resolution

97. Deems it of utmost importance, therefore, that the Parliament sets itself new more challenging targets; ***notes on this regard the Bureau 2015 decision to offset the total amount of Parliament's carbon emissions, including emissions from flights by MEPs between their country of origin and the Parliament's working places;***

Amendment

97. Deems it of utmost importance, therefore, that the Parliament sets itself new more challenging targets;

Or. es

Amendment 240
Benedek Jávor
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 97

Motion for a resolution

97. Deems it of utmost importance, therefore, that the Parliament sets itself new more challenging targets; notes on this regard the Bureau 2015 decision to offset the total amount of Parliament's carbon emissions, including emissions from flights by MEPs between their country of origin and the Parliament's working places;

Amendment

97. Deems it of utmost importance, therefore, that the Parliament sets itself new, more challenging, ***quantitative*** targets ***that should be regularly measured by the responsible services***; notes on this regard the Bureau 2015 decision to offset the total amount of Parliament's carbon emissions, including emissions from flights by MEPs between their country of origin and the Parliament's working places;

Or. en

Amendment 241

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 97 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

97a. Reminds 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 same 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 242

José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 98

Motion for a resolution

98. Calls the Bureau to ***set up 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;***

Amendment

98. Calls the Bureau to ***study*** an incentive scheme for promoting the ***efficient transport*** for home-work commuting;

Or. es

Amendment 243

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 98 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

98a. Welcomes the creation of a Mobility Working Group which should work inclusively and clearly mandated; underlines that the 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;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 244
Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 98 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

98a. Welcomes the initiative of the Parliament with regard to implementation of a comprehensive policy with the objective to reduce food waste; calls on the Parliament to ensure that food waste is actively prevented by all the catering providers in all the premises of the Parliament; calls on the Parliament to intensify the practice of donation of unsold food for charity purposes;

Or. en

Amendment 245
Ingeborg Gräßle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 98 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

98a. Assumes that the introduction of an efficient meeting room reservation system and a facility management register can bring into play considerable potential as regards Parliament's costs and environmental efforts, and calls on the Secretary-General to take that approach forward accordingly;

Or. de

Amendment 246
Marco Valli, Laura Agea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 98 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

98a. *Calls on the Bureau to conduct an assessment of the real air-conditioning needs on Parliament premises, providing for better use of the heating and air-conditioning system;*

Or. it

Amendment 247

Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 101

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

101. *Requests the secretary-general to coordinate an extensive progress report in respect of the necessary improvements of the internal control systems of the political groups, as even if it is first of all the responsibility of the political groups themselves to take the necessary actions, reputational risk of any irregularities in this regard affects Parliament as a whole;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 248

Ryszard Czarnecki, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 101

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

101. *Requests the secretary-general to coordinate an extensive progress report in respect of the necessary improvements of the internal control systems of the political groups, as even if it is first of all the responsibility of the political groups*

deleted

themselves to take the necessary actions, reputational risk of any irregularities in this regard affects Parliament as a whole;

Or. en

Amendment 249
Benedek Jávor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 101

Motion for a resolution

101. Requests the secretary-general to coordinate an extensive progress report in respect of the necessary improvements of the internal control systems of the political groups, as even if it is first of all the responsibility of the political groups themselves to take the necessary actions, reputational risk of any irregularities in this regard affects Parliament as a whole;

Amendment

101. Requests the secretary-general to coordinate an extensive progress report in respect of the necessary improvements of the internal control systems of the political groups, as even if it is first of all the responsibility of the political groups themselves to take the necessary actions, reputational risk of any irregularities in this regard affects Parliament as *an institution and the European democracy as a whole;*

Or. en

Amendment 250
Benedek Jávor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 104

Motion for a resolution

104. Notes with concern that in the cases of the Alliance for Direct Democracy in Europe, the Movement for a Europe of Liberties and Democracy, the Initiative for Direct Democracy in Europe and the Foundation for a Europe of Liberties and Democracy major irregularities have been detected, relating to prohibited direct or indirect financing of national parties and to

Amendment

104. Notes with concern that in the cases of the Alliance for Direct Democracy in Europe, the Movement for a Europe of Liberties and Democracy, the Initiative for Direct Democracy in Europe and the Foundation for a Europe of Liberties and Democracy major irregularities have been detected, relating to prohibited direct or indirect financing of national parties and to

donations;

donations; *is of the firm opinion that corrective measures should be taken without delay once the irregularities are proved and confirmed;*

Or. en

Amendment 251
Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 104

Motion for a resolution

104. Notes with concern that in the cases of the Alliance for Direct Democracy in Europe, the Movement for a Europe of Liberties and Democracy, the Initiative for Direct Democracy in Europe and the Foundation for a Europe of Liberties and Democracy *major* irregularities have been detected, relating to prohibited direct or indirect financing of national parties and to donations;

Amendment

104. Notes with concern that in the cases of the Alliance for Direct Democracy in Europe, the Movement for a Europe of Liberties and Democracy, the Initiative for Direct Democracy in Europe and the Foundation for a Europe of Liberties and Democracy *alleged^{1a}* irregularities have been detected, relating to prohibited direct or indirect financing of national parties and to donations;

^{1a} Presumption of innocence is underwritten by the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (Article 48).

Or. fr

Amendment 252
Benedek Jávor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 105

Motion for a resolution

105. Expresses its concern about the reputational risk for Parliament any such

Amendment

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irregularities constitute and is convinced of the need for quick and effective action to prevent and address any similar irregularities in the future;

irregularities constitute and is convinced of the need for quick and effective action to prevent and address any similar irregularities in the future; ***considers, however, that these irregularities have occurred only in relation to a limited number of political parties and foundations; is of the opinion that those irregularities should not question the financial management of the others political parties and foundations;***

Or. en

Amendment 253
Benedek Jávor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 106

Motion for a resolution

106. Is aware of the new Regulations 1141/2014 and 1142/2014 which will start to affect the funding of European political parties and foundations for the financial year 2018, and of the important role of the newly established authority for European political parties and European political foundations, as well as of the on-going discussions in the Bureau of the proposals of the secretary-general to address a number of issues not resolved by the above-mentioned regulations;

Amendment

106. Is aware of the new Regulations 1141/2014 and 1142/2014 which will start to affect the funding of European political parties and foundations for the financial year 2018, and of the important role of the newly established authority for European political parties and European political foundations, as well as of the on-going discussions in the Bureau of the proposals of the secretary-general to address a number of issues not resolved by the above-mentioned regulations; ***calls on the Parliament's internal auditor to make a new audit report on the financing of the European political parties and foundations as soon as possible after the entry into force of the new regulation;***

Or. en

Amendment 254
Benedek Jávor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 107

Motion for a resolution

107. Emphasises nevertheless that the current system of internal and external controls **is clearly insufficient to avoid** major irregularities; takes note of the declarations of the external accountant, EY, that its audits are aimed at obtaining a reasonable assurance that the annual accounts are free of material misstatements and that the entity has complied with in scope rules and regulations, and that they include examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the opinion; also notes, however, that the examinations do not include investigations of possible fraudulent statements and documents; **that, therefore, the audits provide only for a superficial** insight in the dealings of European political parties and foundations;

Amendment

107. Emphasises nevertheless that the current system of internal and external controls **should be improved in order to better detect and prevent the** major irregularities; **believes however that corrective measures should be taken as soon as possible once any irregularity is detected;** takes note of the declarations of the external accountant, EY, that its audits are aimed at obtaining a reasonable assurance that the annual accounts are free of material misstatements and that the entity has complied with in scope rules and regulations, and that they include examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the opinion; also notes, however, that the examinations do not include investigations of possible fraudulent statements and documents; **believes that the audits should provide a better** insight in the dealings of European political parties and foundations; **is of the firm opinion that the proportionality principle should fully apply for the political parties and foundations;**

Or. en

Amendment 255
Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 107

Motion for a resolution

107. Emphasises nevertheless that the current system of internal and external controls **is clearly insufficient** to avoid **major** irregularities; takes note of the

Amendment

107. Emphasises nevertheless that the current system of internal and external controls **sometimes fails** to avoid **certain** irregularities **in particular in so far the**

declarations of the external accountant, EY, that its audits are aimed at obtaining a reasonable assurance that the annual accounts are free of material misstatements and that the entity has complied with in scope rules and regulations, and that they include examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the opinion; also notes, however, that the examinations do not include investigations of possible fraudulent statements and documents; that, therefore, the audits provide only for a superficial insight in the dealings of European political parties and foundations;

smaller parties are concerned; points out that larger political parties managed to undergo the auditing process without difficulty; takes note of the declarations of the external accountant, EY, that its audits are aimed at obtaining a reasonable assurance that the annual accounts are free of material misstatements and that the entity has complied with in scope rules and regulations, and that they include examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the opinion; also notes, however, that the examinations do not include investigations of possible fraudulent statements and documents; that, therefore, the audits provide only for a superficial insight in the dealings of European political parties and foundations;

Or. en

Amendment 256
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 107

Motion for a resolution

107. *Emphasises nevertheless that* the current system of internal and external controls *is clearly insufficient to avoid* major irregularities; takes note of the declarations of the external accountant, EY, that its audits are aimed at obtaining a reasonable assurance that the annual accounts are free of material misstatements and that the entity has complied with in scope rules and regulations, and that they include examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the opinion; *also* notes, however, that the examinations do not include investigations of possible fraudulent statements and documents; *that*, therefore, *the audits* provide only for a *superficial* insight in the *dealings of*

Amendment

107. *Considers it worth examining if* the current system of internal and external controls *has deficiencies in avoiding* major irregularities; takes note of the declarations of the external accountant, EY, that its audits are aimed at obtaining a reasonable assurance that the annual accounts are free of material misstatements and that the entity has complied with in scope *of* rules and regulations, and that they include examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the opinion; notes, however, that the examinations do not include investigations of possible fraudulent statements and documents, *and* therefore provide only for a *somewhat limited* insight in the *financial activities*

European political parties and foundations;

examined;

Or. en

Amendment 257
Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 107

Motion for a resolution

107. Emphasises nevertheless that the current system of internal and external controls *is clearly insufficient* to avoid major irregularities; takes note of the declarations of the external accountant, EY, that its audits are aimed at obtaining a reasonable assurance that the annual accounts are free of material misstatements and that the entity has complied with in scope rules and regulations, and that they include examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the opinion; also notes, however, that the examinations do not include investigations of possible fraudulent statements and documents; that, therefore, the audits provide only for a superficial insight in the dealings of European political parties and foundations;

Amendment

107. Emphasises nevertheless that the current system of internal and external controls *may require improvement* to avoid major irregularities; takes note of the declarations of the external accountant, EY, that its audits are aimed at obtaining a reasonable assurance that the annual accounts are free of material misstatements and that the entity has complied with in scope rules and regulations, and that they include examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the opinion; also notes, however, that the examinations do not include investigations of possible fraudulent statements and documents; that, therefore, the audits provide only for a superficial insight in the dealings of European political parties and foundations;

Or. en

Amendment 258
José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 107

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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controls *is clearly insufficient* to avoid major irregularities; takes note of the declarations of the external accountant, EY, that its audits are aimed at obtaining a reasonable assurance that the annual accounts are free of material misstatements and that the entity has complied with in scope rules and regulations, and that they include examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the opinion; also notes, however, that the examinations do not include investigations of possible fraudulent statements and documents; that, therefore, the audits provide only for a superficial insight in the dealings of European political parties and foundations;

controls *could be improved so as* to avoid major irregularities; takes note of the declarations of the external accountant, EY, that its audits are aimed at obtaining a reasonable assurance that the annual accounts are free of material misstatements and that the entity has complied with in scope rules and regulations, and that they include examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the opinion; also notes, however, that the examinations do not include investigations of possible fraudulent statements and documents; that, therefore, the audits provide only for a superficial insight in the dealings of European political parties and foundations;

Or. es

Amendment 259
Benedek Jávor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 108

Motion for a resolution

108. Is particularly worried about the lack of human resources (effectively 2 FTEs) in DG FINS devoted to checking the accounts of European political parties and foundations *and expresses the view* that considering the high reputational risk involved, more resources should be devoted to this activity;

Amendment

108. Is particularly worried about the lack of human resources (effectively 2 FTEs) in DG FINS devoted to checking the accounts of European political parties and foundations; *is of the firm opinion* that considering the high reputational risk involved, more resources should be devoted to this activity;

Or. en

Amendment 260
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 108

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

108. *Is particularly worried about the lack of* human resources (effectively 2 FTEs) in DG FINS devoted to checking the accounts of European political parties and foundations and expresses the view that considering the high reputational risk involved, more resources *should* be devoted to this activity;

108. *Notes the scarce* human resources (effectively 2 FTEs) in DG FINS devoted to checking the accounts of European political parties and foundations and expresses the view that considering the high reputational risk involved, more resources *could* be devoted to this activity;

Or. en

Amendment 261
Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 109

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

109. *Calls on the bureau to consider in future not only the note from the secretary-general on the final reports of European political parties and foundations, but to receive automatically the underlying documents, in particular the accounts and the audits undertaken;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 262
Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 109

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

109. Calls on the bureau *to consider in future not only the note from the secretary-general on the final reports of European political parties and foundations, but to receive automatically the underlying documents*, in particular the accounts and the audits undertaken;

109. Calls on the bureau, *in so far as the principle of confidentiality allows it, to facilitate access to the underlying documents contained in* the final reports of European political parties and foundations *and*, in particular the accounts and the audits undertaken;

Amendment 263
Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 110 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

110a. Expresses misgivings about Parliament's establishment plan, on which the new Authority for European political parties and European political foundations comes under the Secretary-General's managerial responsibility, and about the compatibility of that organisational arrangement with Article 6(2) of Regulation 1141/2014;

Or. fr

Amendment 264
Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 110 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

110b. Points out that the Authority enjoys legal personality (Article 6(2)), that it is physically located in Parliament, which provides it with the necessary offices and administrative support facilities (Article 6(4)), that its staff come from one or more institutions (Article 6(5)) and that its appropriations are provided under a separate title in the Parliament section of the EU general budget; calls for clarification of the prospective discharge procedure in the light of those articles;

Amendment 265
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 111

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

111. Calls on the bureau to examine in the context of the possible revision of the 15 % co-financing rate the idea of limiting donations in order to avoid conflicts of interest, and to concentrate the acquisition of own resources on contributions from members of European political parties and foundations, inter alia, by making it possible for citizens in Europe to become members of a European political party or foundation in addition to the national parties they belong to;

deleted

Amendment 266
Bogusław Liberadzki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 111

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

111. Calls on the bureau to examine in the context of the possible revision of the 15 % co-financing rate the idea of limiting donations in order to avoid conflicts of interest, and to concentrate the acquisition of own resources on contributions from members of European political parties and foundations, *inter alia*, by making it possible for citizens in Europe to become members of a European political party or foundation in addition to the national

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parties they belong to;

Or. en

Amendment 267
Derek Vaughan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 112

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

112. *Calls on the bureau to examine for the longer-term whether it is logical to have the responsibility for subsidies for European political parties and foundations attributed to the Parliament, whereas in most Member States subsidies for national political parties and foundations are administered by the ministry of the interior, since conflicts of interest may arise for bureau members representing political groups in Parliament who are affiliated with European political parties and foundations.* **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 268
Ingeborg Gräßle, Tamás Deutsch, Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 112

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

112. *Calls on the bureau to examine for the longer-term whether it is logical to have the responsibility for subsidies for European political parties and foundations attributed to the Parliament, whereas in most Member States subsidies for national political parties and* **deleted**

foundations are administered by the ministry of the interior, since conflicts of interest may arise for bureau members representing political groups in Parliament who are affiliated with European political parties and foundations.

Or. en

Amendment 269

Ryszard Czarnecki, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 112

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

112. *Calls on the bureau to examine for the longer-term whether it is logical to have the responsibility for subsidies for European political parties and foundations attributed to the Parliament, whereas in most Member States subsidies for national political parties and foundations are administered by the ministry of the interior, since conflicts of interest may arise for bureau members representing political groups in Parliament who are affiliated with European political parties and foundations.* **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 270

Benedek Jávor

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 112

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

112. Calls on the bureau to examine for the longer-term whether it is logical to have the responsibility for subsidies for European political parties and foundations attributed to the Parliament, whereas in most Member States subsidies for national political parties and foundations are administered by the ministry of the interior, since conflicts of interest may arise for bureau members representing political groups in Parliament who are affiliated with European political parties and foundations.

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 271
Marco Valli, Laura Agea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 112

Motion for a resolution

112. Calls on the bureau to examine for the longer-term whether it is logical to have the responsibility for subsidies for European political parties and foundations attributed to the Parliament, whereas in most Member States subsidies for national political parties and foundations are administered by the ministry of the interior, since conflicts of interest may arise for bureau members representing political groups in Parliament who are affiliated with European political parties and foundations.

Amendment

112. Calls on the Bureau to examine for the longer-term whether it is logical to have the responsibility for subsidies for European political parties and foundations attributed to the Parliament, whereas in most Member States subsidies for national political parties and foundations are administered by the ministry of the interior, since conflicts of interest may arise for bureau members representing political groups in Parliament who are affiliated with European political parties and foundations; ***calls on the Bureau, therefore, to pursue a gradual phasing out of contributions from Parliament's budget to European political parties and foundations, bearing in mind that nationally, political parties and foundations are often already subsidised by the Member States.***

Or. it

Amendment 272
Jean-François Jalkh

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 112

Motion for a resolution

112. Calls on the bureau to examine for the longer-term whether it is logical to have the responsibility for subsidies for European political parties and foundations attributed to the Parliament, whereas in most Member States subsidies for national political parties and foundations are administered by the ministry of the interior, since conflicts of interest may arise for bureau members representing political groups in Parliament who are affiliated with *European political parties and foundations*.

Amendment

112. Calls on the bureau to examine for the longer-term whether it is logical to have the responsibility for subsidies for European political parties and foundations attributed to the Parliament, whereas in most Member States subsidies for national political parties and foundations are administered by the ministry of the interior, since conflicts of interest may arise for bureau members representing political groups in Parliament who are affiliated with parties.

Or. fr