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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft report**  
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2015 discharge: International Fusion Energy Organisation (ITER)  
(2016/2194(DEC))



## **Amendment 1**

**Indrek Tarand**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Proposal for a decision 1**

#### **Paragraph 1**

##### *Proposal for a decision*

1. ***Grants the Director of the European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy discharge in respect of the implementation of the Joint Undertaking's budget for the financial year 2015*** / Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy discharge in respect of the implementation of the Joint Undertaking's budget for the financial year 2015;

##### *Amendment*

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy discharge in respect of the implementation of the Joint Undertaking's budget for the financial year 2015;

Or. en

## **Amendment 2**

**Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto, Notis Marias**

### **Proposal for a decision 1**

#### **Paragraph 1**

##### *Proposal for a decision*

1. ***Grants the Director of the European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy discharge in respect of the implementation of the Joint Undertaking's budget for the financial year 2015*** / Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy discharge in respect of the implementation of the Joint Undertaking's budget for the financial year 2015;

##### *Amendment*

1. Postpones its decision on granting the Director of the European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy discharge in respect of the implementation of the Joint Undertaking's budget for the financial year 2015;

Or. en

### **Amendment 3**

**Indrek Tarand**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Proposal for a decision 2**

##### **Paragraph 1**

###### *Proposal for a decision*

1. ***Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy for the financial year 2015*** / Postpones the closure of the accounts of the European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy for the financial year 2015;

###### *Amendment*

1. Postpones the closure of the accounts of the European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy for the financial year 2015;

Or. en

### **Amendment 4**

**Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto, Notis Marias**

#### **Proposal for a decision 2**

##### **Paragraph 1**

###### *Proposal for a decision*

1. ***Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy for the financial year 2015*** / Postpones the closure of the accounts of the European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy for the financial year 2015;

###### *Amendment*

1. Postpones the closure of the accounts of the European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy for the financial year 2015;

Or. en

### **Amendment 5**

**Indrek Tarand**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

3. *Notes* that the Court's report once again emphasises that the complexity of ITER activities puts the amount of the Joint Undertaking's contribution to the construction phase of the project at significant risk of increasing, **but also** recognises that significant progress across a range of areas impacting the whole management structure of the project has been achieved;

*Amendment*

3. ***Points out*** that the Court's report once again emphasises that the complexity of ITER activities puts the amount of the Joint Undertaking's contribution to the construction phase of the project at significant risk of increasing ***making the budget of ITER unpredictable and putting at risk other EU programmes particularly the research programmes; however*** recognises that significant progress across a range of areas impacting the whole management structure of the project has been achieved;

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Zigmantas Balčytis**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

3. Notes that the Court's report once again emphasises that the complexity of ITER activities puts the amount of the Joint Undertaking's contribution to the construction phase of the project at significant risk of increasing, **but also** recognises that significant progress across a range of areas impacting the whole management structure of the project has been achieved;

*Amendment*

3. Notes that the Court's report once again emphasises that the complexity of ITER activities puts the amount of the Joint Undertaking's contribution to the construction phase of the project at significant risk of increasing, ***given the changes to the scope of project deliverables and the unrealistic current schedule***, but also recognises that significant progress across a range of areas impacting the whole management structure of the project has been achieved;

Or. It

**Amendment 7**  
**Brian Hayes**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

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*Amendment*

3. *Expresses concern* that the Court's report once again emphasises that the complexity of ITER activities puts the amount of the Joint Undertaking's contribution to the construction phase of the project at significant risk of increasing, but also recognises that significant progress across a range of areas impacting the whole management structure of the project has been achieved;

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Indrek Tarand**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Highlights that the Joint Undertaking is responsible for the management of the Union's contribution to the ITER project and that the budget cap of EUR 6 600 000 000 until 2020 must be maintained; *highlights* furthermore that the *main challenge for the ITER project is to make sure that the realistic schedule and budgeting are kept and that any potential deviation or problem is detected at the earliest stage possible; acknowledges* that the *Court's report again notes in its 'emphasis of matter' that the doubling of initial budgeted costs for the construction phase in 2010 did not include contingency costs; notes with satisfaction, therefore, that the updated valuation to the Joint Undertaking's contribution in 2015 is a more comprehensive figure; is aware that the changes that have recently been and that still are being introduced in this regard are key for the future success of the*

*Amendment*

4. Highlights that the Joint Undertaking is responsible for the management of the Union's contribution to the ITER project and that the budget cap of EUR 6 600 000 000 until 2020 must be maintained; *stresses that this figure which doubled since the initial budgeted costs does not include the EUR 663 000 000 proposed by the Commission in 2010 to cover potential contingencies; points out* furthermore that the *Joint Undertaking has not yet updated the valuation of its contribution to the ITER project beyond the finalisation of the construction phase; urges the Joint Undertaking to give an updated integrated, global and precise valuation of its contribution to ITER project beyond the construction phase before the end of 2017; highlights* that the *main challenge for the ITER project is to make sure that the schedule and budgeting are kept and that any*

project;

*additional potential deviation or problem is avoided*; notes with satisfaction, therefore, that the updated valuation to the Joint Undertaking's contribution in 2015 is a more comprehensive figure; is aware that the changes that have recently been and that still are being introduced in this regard are key for the future success of the project;

Or. en

## **Amendment 9** **Brian Hayes**

### **Motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 4**

#### *Motion for a resolution*

4. Highlights that the Joint Undertaking is responsible for the management of the Union's contribution to the ITER project and that the budget cap of EUR 6 600 000 000 until 2020 must be maintained; *highlights* furthermore that the main challenge for the ITER project is to make sure that the realistic schedule and budgeting are kept and that any potential deviation or problem is detected at the earliest stage possible; acknowledges that the Court's report again notes in its 'emphasis of matter' that the doubling of initial budgeted costs for the construction phase in 2010 did not include contingency costs; notes *with satisfaction*, therefore, *that* the updated valuation to the Joint Undertaking's contribution in 2015 is a more comprehensive figure; is aware that the changes that have recently been and that still are being introduced in this regard are key for the future success of the project;

#### *Amendment*

4. Highlights that the Joint Undertaking is responsible for the management of the Union's contribution to the ITER project and that the budget cap of EUR **6 600 000 000** until 2020 must be maintained; *stresses* furthermore that the main challenge for the ITER project is to make sure that the realistic schedule and budgeting are kept and that any potential deviation or problem is detected at the earliest stage possible; acknowledges that the Court's report *once* again notes in its 'emphasis of matter' that the doubling of initial budgeted costs for the construction phase in 2010 did not include contingency costs; notes *some progress*, therefore, the updated valuation to the Joint Undertaking's contribution in 2015 is a more comprehensive figure; is aware that the changes that have recently been and that still are being introduced in this regard are key for the future success of the project;

Or. en

## **Amendment 10**

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**Brian Hayes**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

5. *Notes* that the Court's report states that in 2015, the Joint Undertaking launched a major exercise to calculate the estimated cost at completion of the Joint Undertaking's contribution to the construction phase of the project, resulting in an expected cost increase of around EUR 2 375 000 000 which represents an increase of 35 % over the figure approved by the Council in 2010; notes that this amount is greater than the increase reported by the Joint Undertaking in November 2014, but acknowledges that this is due to the wider scope of the new calculation to cover the entire construction phase, rather than only estimated cost deviations on awarded contracts; welcomes the efforts taken by the Joint Undertaking to provide more global and realistic cost estimates;

*Amendment*

5. *Expresses serious concerns* that the Court's report states that in 2015, the Joint Undertaking launched a major exercise to calculate the estimated cost at completion of the Joint Undertaking's contribution to the construction phase of the project, resulting in an expected cost increase of around EUR 2 375 000 000 which represents an increase of 35 % over the figure approved by the Council in 2010; notes that this amount is greater than the increase reported by the Joint Undertaking in November 2014, but acknowledges that this is due to the wider scope of the new calculation to cover the entire construction phase, rather than only estimated cost deviations on awarded contracts; welcomes the efforts taken by the Joint Undertaking to provide more global and realistic cost estimates;

Or. en

**Amendment 11  
Brian Hayes**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

7. *Highlights that* the Commission *should* present a Communication on ITER project as soon as possible which is essential for ensuring transparency of the whole project and setting out the way forward;

*Amendment*

7. *Strongly calls on* the Commission *to* present a Communication on ITER project as soon as possible which is essential for ensuring transparency of the whole project and setting out the way forward;

Or. en



**Amendment 12**

**Indrek Tarand**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Highlights that the Commission should present a Communication on ITER project *as soon as possible* which is essential for ensuring transparency of the whole project and setting out the way forward;

*Amendment*

7. Highlights that the Commission should present a Communication on ITER project *before July 2017* which is essential for ensuring transparency of the whole project and setting out the way forward;

Or. en

**Amendment 13**

**Zigmantas Balčytis**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

**8a. Points out that in 2015, taking into account the challenges faced by the ITER project, the new ITER IO Director-General submitted an action plan to the ITER Council, with specific measures to eliminate the main constraints affecting the development of the project;**

*Amendment*

Or. It

**Amendment 14**

**Zigmantas Balčytis**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 16 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

**16a. Notes that the F4E Governing Board has adopted an anti-fraud strategy and the corresponding action plan;**

*Amendment*

**Amendment 15**  
**Zigmantas Balčytis**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**17a. Points out that in 2015 the Joint Undertaking also adopted a decision on whistleblowing rules;**

Or. It

**Amendment 16**  
**Brian Hayes**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 18**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**18. Notes that, as of 31 December 2015, the total number of occupied posts at the Joint Undertaking was 252 Union officials and temporary agents (262 are authorised), and 167 contract agents (180 are authorised); also notes that the Joint Undertaking counted on the support of 158 interim staff on an yearly average;**

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Brian Hayes**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**19. Observes that, during 2015, 25 vacancy notices were published: 10 temporary agents and 15 contract agents;**

*deleted*

*notes that the Joint Undertaking completed 26 selection procedures: 19 from the positions published in 2015 and 7 selections from the positions published in 2014;*

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Brian Hayes**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**20.** *Acknowledges the fact that that the Joint Undertaking adopted the implementing rules to the Staff Regulations concerning the appraisal of temporary agents and officials; the appraisal of contract agents; unpaid leave and leave on personal grounds; the use and engagement of temporary agents recruited under Article 2(f) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants; notes, moreover, that the Joint Undertaking also adopted revised policies in the area of internal mobility, language training and internships;*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 19**  
**Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**20.** Acknowledges the fact that that the Joint Undertaking adopted the implementing rules to the Staff Regulations concerning the appraisal of temporary agents and officials; the appraisal of

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contract agents; unpaid leave and leave on personal grounds; the use and engagement of temporary agents recruited under Article 2(f) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants; notes, moreover, that the Joint Undertaking also adopted revised policies in the area of internal mobility, language training and internships; ***regrets that certain specific rules for the implementation of the Staff Regulations still remain to be adopted;***

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Brian Hayes**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 21**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**21. Notes, however, that the one of the key challenges remains the redeployment of the Joint Undertaking's staff to high priority areas and encourages the Director to continue in his effort towards optimizing resources between the Joint Undertaking and the ITER Organisation;**

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Petri Sarvamaa, Brian Hayes**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

25. Notes that the Joint Undertaking's internal audit capability completed two engagements and performed three follow-up engagements in 2015; notes furthermore that the Commission's internal audit service acknowledged the progress made by the Joint Undertaking in the sphere of

25. Notes that the Joint Undertaking's internal audit capability completed two engagements and performed three follow-up engagements in 2015; ***expects the Joint Undertaking to inform the discharge authority on the recommendations and progress made regarding these***

procurements and concluded that seven out of nine audit recommendations from 2014 were adequately implemented;

*engagements*; notes furthermore that the Commission's internal audit service acknowledged the progress made by the Joint Undertaking in the sphere of procurements and concluded that seven out of nine audit recommendations from 2014 were adequately implemented;

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Brian Hayes**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26**

*Motion for a resolution*

26. Acknowledges that the Joint Undertaking is *continuously* enhancing its internal control by focussing resources on the ITER deliveries required for the First Plasma milestones while respecting the capped budget until 2020; notes that the Joint Undertaking's structure for ownership and responsibility was further enhanced in October 2016 with the creation of a new department focusing on commercial and financial issues; calls on the Joint Undertaking to report to the discharge authority on the developments achieved as the consequence of those organisational changes;

*Amendment*

26. Acknowledges that the Joint Undertaking is *finally* enhancing its internal control by focussing resources on the ITER deliveries required for the First Plasma milestones while respecting the capped budget until 2020; notes that the Joint Undertaking's structure for ownership and responsibility was further enhanced in October 2016 with the creation of a new department focusing on commercial and financial issues; calls on the Joint Undertaking to report to the discharge authority on the developments achieved as the consequence of those organisational changes;

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Zigmantas Balčytis**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 27 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**27a. Points out that F4E has set up a portal on which to exchange documents with suppliers, so as to enable project**

*teams to oversee and monitor contract execution;*

Or. It

**Amendment 24**  
**Brian Hayes**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28**

*Motion for a resolution*

28. Acknowledges that the average time to contract for procurements above EUR 1 000 000 decreased *significantly* (from 240 to 140 days) during 2015 with respect to 2014, *aligned with the Joint Undertaking's average during the period 2009 to 2015 for this range of procedures* and additionally points out that the average time to contract for procurements below EUR 1 000 000 and grants remained in line with 2014 figures;

*Amendment*

28. Acknowledges that the average time to contract for procurements above EUR *1 000 000* decreased *but remains too long* (from 240 to 140 days) during 2015 with respect to 2014, and additionally points out that the average time to contract for procurements below EUR *1 000 000* and grants remained in line with 2014 figures;

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 34**

*Motion for a resolution*

34. *Observes with satisfaction* that in May 2016, following the endorsement of its governing board, the Joint Undertaking's director signed a renewed long-term lease agreement with the Kingdom of Spain for its offices, including the extension of the current office space by 1 000 m<sup>2</sup>; notes furthermore that the governing board endorsed the plans to refurbish the office space attributed to the Joint Undertaking.

*Amendment*

34. *notes* that in May 2016, following the endorsement of its governing board, the Joint Undertaking's director signed a renewed long-term lease agreement with the Kingdom of Spain for its offices, including the extension of the current office space by *1 000* m<sup>2</sup>; notes furthermore that the governing board endorsed the plans to refurbish the office space attributed to the Joint Undertaking.

