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AMENDMENTS

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Discharge 2015: EU general budget - European Ombudsman
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Amendment 1

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Proposal for a decision 1

Paragraph 1

Proposal for a decision

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

Amendment

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

Or. en

Amendment 2

Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Welcomes the continuation of the Ombudsman's investigations into "revolving door" cases in the Commission; raises the concern on the "internal revolving door" between the Ombudsman and the other institutions which might ***have been*** under scrutiny of the Ombudsman; calls on the Ombudsman to analyse the situation and to work out rules in order to avoid conflicts of interests if it considers it to be necessary;

Amendment

7. Welcomes the continuation of the Ombudsman's investigations into "revolving door" cases in the Commission; raises the concern on the "internal revolving door" between the Ombudsman and the other institutions which might ***be between the other institutions which might scrutinising each other's work***; calls on the Ombudsman to analyse the situation and to work out rules in order to avoid conflicts of interests if it considers it to be necessary;

Or. en

Amendment 3

Dennis de Jong, Benedek Jávör

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Acknowledges the importance of the Ombudsman's strategic and own initiatives and invites the Ombudsman to **inform** regularly the discharge authority about the impact of its inquiries; reiterates, **however**, that the Ombudsman's priority should be to address complaints from citizens within a reasonable time frame **and that own-initiative inquiries should under no circumstances infringe that objective**; asks the Ombudsman to interpret maladministration as widely as possible when performing its duties; invites the Ombudsman to develop closer cooperation with Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control in its strategic work;

Amendment

11. Acknowledges the importance of the Ombudsman's strategic and own initiatives and invites the Ombudsman to regularly **inform** the discharge authority about the impact of its inquiries; reiterates that the Ombudsman's **first** priority should be to address complaints from citizens within a reasonable time frame; asks the Ombudsman to interpret maladministration as widely as possible when performing its duties; invites the Ombudsman to develop closer cooperation with Parliament's Committee on budgetary control in its strategic work;

Or. en

Amendment 4

Benedek Jávör, Bart Staes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Notes the results achieved in the complaints handling in 2015 and welcomes the fact that the Union institutions complied with the Ombudsman's proposals at a rate of 90 %; calls on the Ombudsman to provide a breakdown of compliance of the Union institutions with its proposals and asks the Union institutions to improve their compliance rate further;

Amendment

14. Notes the results achieved in the complaints handling in 2015 and welcomes the fact that the Union institutions complied with the Ombudsman's proposals at a rate of 90 %; calls on the Ombudsman to provide a breakdown of compliance of the Union institutions with its proposals **for its yearly Activity Report, asks the Ombudsman to provide an analysis on the possible reasons of non-compliance** and asks the Union institutions to improve their compliance rate further;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Brian Hayes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Notes, however, the *clear* geographic imbalance at middle and senior management level, *especially the overrepresentation* of managers coming from the Member State where the Ombudsman originates from; calls on the Ombudsman to *ensure sustained correction* of this situation;

Amendment

16. Notes, however, the geographic imbalance at middle and senior management level, *including the representation* of managers coming from the Member State where the Ombudsman originates from (*three Heads of Unit out of 10 managers*); calls on the Ombudsman to *correct* this situation;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Benedek Jávor, Bart Staes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

22 a. Expresses the wish, that the Ombudsman and authorities of the Member States and of the Union institutions provide more help to the European Ombudsman by drawing the attention of the European citizens to the possibility of turning to the European Ombudsman in cases of maladministration by any of the institutions and bodies of the Union.

Amendment

Or. en