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AMENDMENTS

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Amendment 1
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. *Notes that the Court in its report made* material findings in relation to two out of five significant procurement procedures from 2016 for which payments were incurred during the year, which demonstrates a lack of rigour in the Office's procurement procedures:

Amendment

2. *Deeply regrets the* material findings, *made by the Court*, in relation to two out of five significant procurement procedures from 2016 for which payments were incurred during the year, which demonstrates a lack of rigour in the Office's procurement procedures:

Or. en

Amendment 2

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

Motion for a resolution
Recital b – paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

recalls that in February 2016 the Office directly awarded a FWC for interim services to support it in its response to the migration crisis for a period of 12 months amounting to EUR 3 600 000; *recalls* that the FWC was awarded to a single preselected economic operator without applying any of the procurement procedures laid down in the Financial Regulation; considers that the award was therefore not in compliance with the relevant Union rules and that the associated 2016 payments, amounting to EUR 592 273, are irregular;

Amendment

recalls that in February 2016 the Office directly awarded a FWC for interim services to support it in its response to the migration crisis for a period of 12 months amounting to EUR 3 600 000; *deplores the fact* that the FWC was awarded to a single preselected economic operator without applying any of the procurement procedures laid down in the Financial Regulation; considers that the award was therefore not in compliance with the relevant Union rules and that the associated 2016 payments, amounting to EUR 592 273, are irregular;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Notes that budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2016 resulted in a budget implementation rate of 80,64 %; notes furthermore that the payment appropriations execution rate was 63,40 %;

Amendment

8. Notes **with concern** that budget monitoring efforts during the financial year 2016 resulted in a **low** budget implementation rate of 80,64 %; notes furthermore that the payment appropriations execution rate was 63,40 %;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes that the Office's work programme was amended three times and its budget four times in order to take into account significant changes that took place during 2016, in particular the significant increase in the operational support activities of the Office in the "hotspots" in some Member States and the implementation of the EU-Turkey Statement;

Amendment

9. Notes that the Office's work programme was amended three times and its budget four times in order to take into account significant changes that took place during 2016, in particular the significant increase in the operational support activities of the Office in the "hotspots" in some Member States and the implementation of the EU-Turkey Statement; ***asks the Office to take into account the ECA Special Report 6/2017 entitled "EU response to the refugee crisis: the "hotspot" approach", and calls upon the Court to give priority to the follow-up report to this Special Report, that was asked for by the Parliament in order to take account of the hotspots as part of the wider asylum system of the EU and its Member States;***

Or. en

Amendment 5
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Notes that the executive director effected 20 budget transfers during 2016 to compensate for budget shortfalls and to accommodate the exponentially increasing budgetary needs in the hotspots, in particular following the EU-Turkey Statement; notes *moreover* that one of the four transfers effected between titles was executed by a decision of the executive director even though it exceeded the 10 % threshold laid down in Article 27(1)(a) of the Financial Regulation; notes that the transfer was soon after endorsed by the management board in the second amendment to the 2016 budget;

Amendment

12. Notes that the executive director effected 20 budget transfers during 2016 to compensate for budget shortfalls and to accommodate the exponentially increasing budgetary needs in the hotspots, in particular following the EU-Turkey Statement; notes *with concern* that one of the four transfers effected between titles was executed by a decision of the executive director even though it exceeded the 10 % threshold laid down in Article 27(1)(a) of the Financial Regulation; notes that the transfer was soon after endorsed by the management board in the second amendment to the 2016 budget;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Notes *that in 2016* the Office processed *4 861 payments, of which* 2 007 were made after the legal deadline (*41 %*); notes that this was mainly due to the exponential increase in the budget; acknowledges that, according to the Office, its operational activities increased exponentially leading to a significant increase in the number of financial transactions to be processed by the same number of staff; notes with satisfaction the various measures taken by the Office to address this situation; acknowledges that those measures are expected to lead to the normalisation of payments by the end of the first half of 2017; calls on the Office to report to the discharge authority on the effects of those measures;

Amendment

13. Notes *with concern that out of the 4 861 payments* the Office processed *in 2016*, 2 007 were made after the legal deadline (*41%*); notes, *however*, that this was mainly due to the exponential increase in the budget; acknowledges that, according to the Office, its operational activities increased exponentially leading to a significant increase in the number of financial transactions to be processed by the same number of staff; notes with satisfaction the various measures taken by the Office to address this situation; acknowledges that those measures are expected to lead to the normalisation of payments by the end of the first half of 2017; calls on the Office to report to the discharge authority on the effects of those

measures;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Notes that, according to the Court's report, contracting authorities are to request in writing details of the constituent elements of the price or cost if they appear to be abnormally low, and are to give the tenderer the opportunity to present its observations; notes, however, that for two of the lots (lots 3 and 5), procuring cultural mediators/interpreters in different countries, the Office received financial offers which were 50 % and 31 % respectively lower than the next lowest offers; regrets that, whilst this is indicative of the offers being abnormally low, the Office did not consider it necessary to request any further explanation from the tenderer in this regard;

Amendment

14. Notes that, according to the Court's report, contracting authorities are to request in writing details of the constituent elements of the price or cost if they appear to be abnormally low, and are to give the tenderer the opportunity to present its observations; notes, however, that for two of the lots (lots 3 and 5), procuring cultural mediators/interpreters in different countries, the Office received financial offers which were 50 % and 31 % respectively lower than the next lowest offers; *deeply* regrets that, whilst this is indicative of the offers being abnormally low, the Office did not consider it necessary to request any further explanation from the tenderer in this regard;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Notes that in 2016, on average, the Office's staff was on sick leave for a total of 2,4 days; observes with some concern that the Office has not reported on the budget or on the number of days spent per staff member on well-being activities in

Amendment

20. Notes that in 2016, on average, the Office's staff was on sick leave for a total of 2,4 days; observes with some concern that the Office has not reported on the budget or on the number of days spent per staff member on well-being activities in

2016; *notes* that the Office did not name different well-being activities put in place in 2016 as requested by Parliament;

2016; *regrets* that the Office did not name different well-being activities put in place in 2016 as requested by Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Performance-based budgeting

Main achievements

Or. en

Amendment 10
Tamás Deutsch

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 – indent 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *it fully supported the implementation of the Union relocation scheme in Italy and Greece for persons in clear need of international protection;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 11
Petri Sarvamaa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36. Notes that, according to the Court's report, the Office purchased and installed 65 containers to be used as mobile offices in the Greek and Italian hotspots for a total

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amount of EUR 852 136; notes that some of the containers were placed in a location where similar containers not belonging to the Office were later destroyed by riots; **regrets** that the Office did not take out insurance to cover the containers against this risk; **notes from the Office's reply that** management decided that it was not cost-effective to obtain insurance;

amount of EUR 852 136; notes that some of the containers were placed in a location where similar containers not belonging to the Office were later destroyed by riots; **notes** that the Office did not take out insurance to cover the containers against this risk **as its** management decided that it was not cost-effective to obtain insurance;

Or. en

Amendment 12 **Petri Sarvamaa**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 41**

Motion for a resolution

41. Observes that the Office did not reply to the discharge authority on their efforts to ensure a cost-effective and environmentally friendly working place and to reduce or offset CO₂ emissions; calls on the Office to pay attention also to the environmental implications of its activities, especially in the light of its future growth to up to 500 staff;

Amendment

41. Observes **with dissatisfaction** that the Office did not reply to the discharge authority on their efforts to ensure a cost-effective and environmentally friendly working place and to reduce or offset CO₂ emissions; calls on the Office to pay attention also to the environmental implications of its activities, especially in the light of its future growth to up to 500 staff;

Or. en