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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Claudia Schmidt**

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### **Amendment 1**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea, Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

#### **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 2017;

*Amendment*

1. **Postpones the decision on granting** its President discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Parliament for the financial year 2017;

Or. it

### **Amendment 2**

**Notis Marias**

#### **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 2017;

*Amendment*

1. **Does not grant** its President discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Parliament for the financial year 2017;

Or. el

### **Amendment 3**

**Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík**

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

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*Proposal for a decision*

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**Amendment 4****Marco Valli, Laura Agea, Fabio Massimo Castaldo****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 1***Motion for a resolution*

1. *Notes* that Parliament's final appropriations for 2017 totalled EUR **1 909 590 000**, or 19,25 % of heading V of the Multiannual Financial Framework<sup>9</sup> set aside for the 2017 administrative expenditure of the Union institutions as a whole, representing **a 3,9 % increase** over the 2016 budget (EUR **1 838 613 983**);

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<sup>9</sup> Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020.

*Amendment*

1. ***Deplores the fact*** that Parliament's final appropriations for 2017 totalled EUR **1 909 590 000**, or 19,25 % of heading V of the Multiannual Financial Framework<sup>9</sup> set aside for the 2017 administrative expenditure of the Union institutions as a whole, representing **an increase of no less than 3.9%** over the 2016 budget (EUR **1 838 613 983**); ***deplores the fact that Parliament's budget has increased steadily year on year during the current parliamentary term, reaching a total of no less than EUR 1 999 144 000 for the financial year 2019; calls, therefore, for Parliament to set as the main objective for its own budget that of curbing its own costs as much as possible and seeking significant savings, in order to send out a message of solidarity with EU citizens;***

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<sup>9</sup> 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 5****Benedek Jávor, Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

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<sup>9</sup> Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020.

Or. en

**Amendment 6**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea, Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***3a. Calls for a reduction of at least 15% in Members' monthly salaries, daily allowances and emoluments, including the general expenditure allowance, with a view to sending out a message of solidarity with EU citizens; calls on the Bureau to review the Implementing Measures for the Statute for Members in order to achieve as many savings as possible in the area of Members' allowances;***

Or. it

**Amendment 7**

**Jean Arthuis**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Notes that seven transfers were approved in accordance with Articles 27 and 46 of the Financial Regulation in the financial year 2017, which amounted to EUR **57 402 860** or 3,01 % of final appropriations; observes that the majority of transfers were related to the Parliament's buildings policy, and in particular to help fund the annual lease payments for the Konrad Adenauer building project;

*Amendment*

7. Notes that seven transfers were approved in accordance with Articles 27 and 46 of the Financial Regulation in the financial year 2017, which amounted to EUR **57 402 860** or 3,01 % of final appropriations; observes that the majority of transfers were related to the Parliament's buildings policy, and in particular to help fund the annual lease payments for the Konrad Adenauer building project; ***stresses that the practice known as 'mopping-up' is a relaxation of the principle of specification and thus deliberately contravenes the principle of budgetary accuracy; calls for appropriations for the financing of buildings, in particular the Konrad Adenauer Building, to be included in the draft annual budget to be adopted by the budgetary authorities;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 8**  
**Gilles Pargneaux**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

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payments for the Konrad Adenauer building project;

payments for the Konrad Adenauer building project; *considers that the number of ‘mopping-up’ transfers continues to be very high; believes that better budget management should reduce such transfers to the bare minimum necessary; stresses that, as part of the budgetary strategy, Parliament’s buildings policy should be laid down with sufficient clarity;*

Or. fr

### **Amendment 9**

**Benedek Jávor, Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Motion for a resolution Paragraph 7**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

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##### *Amendment*

7. Notes that seven transfers were approved in accordance with Articles 27 and 46 of the Financial Regulation in the financial year 2017, which amounted to EUR 57 402 860 or 3,01 % of final appropriations; observes that the majority of transfers were related to the Parliament’s buildings policy, and in particular to help fund the annual lease payments for the Konrad Adenauer building project; *strongly rejects the often last-minute-transfers aiming at financing the Parliament’s building policy; asks the Secretary-General and the Bureau to provide the Budget committee with all the documents, plans and contracts related to the building policy, and to publish them;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 10**

**Benedek Jávor, Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

8. *Stresses the need for carry-overs in relation to large building or infrastructure projects, despite the annual nature of the budget;;*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Marco Valli, Laura Agea, Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

11. Takes note of the specific findings concerning Parliament contained in the annual report of the Court for 2017; *notes* that the Court found, of the eight Parliament transactions examined, weaknesses in three related to procurement procedure, namely compliance with contract selection criteria, full compliance with the framework contract, and the criterion to select a travel agency, and one related to the reimbursement of expenses of political groups;

11. Takes note of the specific findings concerning Parliament contained in the annual report of the Court for 2017; *deplores the fact* that the Court found, of the eight Parliament transactions examined, weaknesses in *no fewer than* three related to procurement procedure, namely compliance with contract selection criteria, full compliance with the framework contract, and the criterion to select a travel agency, and *in* one related to the reimbursement of expenses of political groups;

Or. it

**Amendment 12**  
**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

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concerning Parliament contained in the annual report of the Court for 2017; notes **with concern** that the Court found, of the eight Parliament transactions examined, weaknesses in three related to procurement procedure, namely compliance with contract selection criteria, full compliance with the framework contract, and the criterion to select a travel agency, and one related to the reimbursement of expenses of political groups;

Or. en

### **Amendment 13** **Gilles Pargneaux**

#### **Motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 14 – introductory part**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

14. Welcomes and supports the following actions that the internal auditor agreed with the DGs responsible:

##### *Amendment*

14. **Recalls that the annual activity report is part of Parliament's governance structure;** welcomes and supports the following actions that the internal auditor agreed with the DGs responsible:

Or. fr

### **Amendment 14** **Gilles Pargneaux**

#### **Motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 16**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

16. Takes note of the written answers to the 2016 discharge resolution provided to CONT on 17 September 2018, and of the presentation by the Secretary-General addressing the various questions and requests of Parliament's 2016 discharge resolution and the exchange of views with

##### *Amendment*

16. Takes note of the written answers to the 2016 discharge resolution provided to CONT on 17 September 2018, and of the presentation by the Secretary-General addressing the various questions and requests of Parliament's 2016 discharge resolution and the exchange of views with

Members that followed;

Members that followed; *stresses the importance of having more frequent discussions with the Secretary-General on issues concerning Parliament's budget and its implementation in the Committee on Budgetary Control;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 15**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**16a.** *Deplores the fact that no action has been taken in response to some of the recommendations in Parliament's resolution on discharge for 2016, and that the discharge follow-up document does not provide any justification for this;*

Or. es

**Amendment 16**  
**Gilles Pargneaux**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

19. Notes that six temporary agents in the General Secretariat, 41 temporary agents in the political groups and in the non-attached Members' secretariat as well as 30 contract agents are concerned by the United Kingdom's decision to withdraw from the European Union; understands that their situation is being assessed on a case-by-case basis; welcomes the Secretary-General assurance that no extension of contract will be denied on the sole ground

19. Notes that six temporary agents in the General Secretariat, 41 temporary agents in the political groups and in the non-attached Members' secretariat as well as 30 contract agents are concerned by the United Kingdom's decision to withdraw from the European Union; understands that their situation is being assessed on a case-by-case basis; welcomes the Secretary-General assurance that no extension of contract will be denied on the sole ground

of nationality; *invites the Secretary-General to carefully weigh the potential role of conflicts of interest during the sensitive time of the possible transition period and the possible disorderly withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union;*

of nationality;

Or. fr

### **Amendment 17** **Gilles Pargneaux**

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

##### *Motion for a resolution*

21. Draws attention to the 5 % annual staff reduction target, that in 2017 required the Parliament to eliminate 60 posts from its administration establishment plan; recalls that the political agreement reached between the Parliament and the Council on the 2016 budget, establishing a new parameter for the reduction in Parliament's staff and prolonging its application period until 2019, has maintained the exemption of political groups from this exercise; regrets however that the budgetary authorities imposed an additional cut of 76 posts from the Parliament's administration in 2017 as compensation for a staff increase for the political groups; is concerned that this significant reduction may have negative effects on *the* Parliament's performance;

##### *Amendment*

21. Draws attention to the 5 % annual staff reduction target, that in 2017 required the Parliament to eliminate 60 posts from its administration establishment plan; recalls that the political agreement reached between the Parliament and the Council on the 2016 budget, establishing a new parameter for the reduction in Parliament's staff and prolonging its application period until 2019, has maintained the exemption of political groups from this exercise; regrets however that the budgetary authorities imposed an additional cut of 76 posts from the Parliament's administration in 2017 as compensation for a staff increase for the political groups; is concerned that this significant reduction may have negative effects on Parliament's performance *and lead to an excessive workload for serving officials and a transfer of responsibilities to Members' offices;*

Or. fr

### **Amendment 18** **Tomáš Zdechovský**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 22**

*Motion for a resolution*

22. Calls on the Secretary-General and all responsible DGs to work together to draft a comprehensive overview of reductions in staff numbers implemented from 2014 onwards, including moves by staff from administration to political groups and among institutions; ***underlines that this practice of staff rotation raises the question of whether job descriptions are appropriate; is strongly concerned that excessive staff reduction leaves Members and Accredited Parliamentary Assistants (APAs) with an additional administrative burden, which is to the detriment of the actual legislative work that Members and APAs are supposed to fulfil; underlines that*** a paperless office and the proper use of digital technology such as digital signature, two-step-verification and electronic files would lessen the administrative burden for all parties involved;

*Amendment*

22. Calls on the Secretary-General and all responsible DGs to work together to draft a comprehensive overview of reductions in staff numbers implemented from 2014 onwards, including moves by staff from administration to political groups and among institutions; ***underlines that*** a paperless office and the proper use of digital technology such as digital signature, two-step-verification and electronic files would lessen the administrative burden for all parties involved;

Or. en

**Amendment 19**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 22**

*Motion for a resolution*

22. Calls on the Secretary-General and all responsible DGs to work together to draft a comprehensive overview of reductions in staff numbers implemented from 2014 onwards, including moves by staff from administration to political groups and among institutions; ***underlines that this practice of staff rotation raises the***

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22. Calls on the Secretary-General and all responsible DGs to work together to draft a comprehensive overview of reductions in staff numbers implemented from 2014 onwards, including moves by staff from administration to political groups and among institutions; ***underlines that this practice of staff rotation raises the***

question of whether job descriptions are appropriate; is strongly concerned that excessive staff reduction leaves Members and Accredited Parliamentary Assistants (APAs) with an additional administrative burden, which is to the detriment of the actual legislative work that Members and APAs are supposed to fulfil; underlines that ***a paperless office and*** the proper use of digital technology such as digital signature, two-step-verification and electronic files would lessen the administrative burden for all parties involved;

question of whether job descriptions are appropriate; is strongly concerned that excessive staff reduction leaves Members and Accredited Parliamentary Assistants (APAs) with an additional administrative burden, which is to the detriment of the actual legislative work that Members and APAs are supposed to fulfil; underlines that the proper use of digital technology such as digital signature, two-step-verification and electronic files would lessen the administrative burden for all parties involved; ***draws attention to the reality of 'paperless' parliamentary committees, which simply means that the task of printing all documentation has been passed from committee secretariats on to Members' offices;***

Or. es

#### **Amendment 20**

**Benedek Jávor, Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Motion for a resolution Paragraph 22**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

22. Calls on the Secretary-General and all responsible DGs to work together to draft a comprehensive overview of reductions in staff numbers implemented from 2014 onwards, including moves by staff from administration to political groups and among institutions; underlines that this practice of staff rotation raises the question of whether job descriptions are appropriate; is strongly concerned that excessive staff reduction leaves Members and Accredited Parliamentary Assistants (APAs) with an additional administrative burden, which is to the detriment of the actual legislative work that Members and APAs are supposed to fulfil; underlines that a paperless office and the proper use of

##### *Amendment*

22. Calls on the Secretary-General and all responsible DGs to work together to draft a comprehensive overview of reductions in staff numbers implemented from 2014 onwards, including moves by staff from administration to political groups and among institutions; underlines that this practice of staff rotation raises the question of whether job descriptions are appropriate; is strongly concerned that excessive staff reduction leaves Members and Accredited Parliamentary Assistants (APAs) with an additional administrative burden, which is to the detriment of the actual legislative work that Members and APAs are supposed to fulfil; underlines that a paperless office and the proper use of

digital technology such as digital signature, two-step-verification and electronic files would lessen the administrative burden for all parties involved;

digital technology such as digital signature ***also for plenary-related files***, two-step-verification and electronic files would lessen the administrative burden for all parties involved ***and contribute to the achievement of the paper-reduction objectives and the implementation of European Parliament's EMAS policy***;

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Gilles Pargneaux**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 22 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***22a. Notes that reimbursement of some missions is subject to very long delays and suggests that solutions should be explored to ensure that missions are reimbursed within a reasonable time;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 22**  
**Gilles Pargneaux**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 23**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

23. Notes that the revised rules governing the payment of financial contributions for sponsored visitors groups entered into force on 1 January 2017; calls on the Secretary-General to release the assessment of these rules without delay;

23. Notes that the revised rules governing the payment of financial contributions for sponsored visitors groups entered into force on 1 January 2017; calls on the Secretary-General to release the assessment of these rules without delay; ***reiterates its call to remove the possibility of appointing APAs as head of a group;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 23**  
**Claudia Schmidt**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 23**

*Motion for a resolution*

23. Notes that the revised rules governing the payment of financial contributions for sponsored visitors groups entered into force on 1 January 2017; calls on the Secretary-General to release the assessment of these rules without delay;

*Amendment*

23. Notes that the revised rules governing the payment of financial contributions for sponsored visitors groups entered into force on 1 January 2017; calls on the Secretary-General to release the assessment of these rules without delay; ***recalls its request to delete the possibility to appoint APAs as head of a group;***

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**Benedek Jávor**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 23**

*Motion for a resolution*

23. Notes that the revised rules governing the payment of financial contributions for sponsored visitors groups entered into force on 1 January 2017; calls on the Secretary-General to release the assessment of these rules without delay;

*Amendment*

23. Notes that the revised rules governing the payment of financial contributions for sponsored visitors groups entered into force on 1 January 2017; calls on the Secretary-General to release the assessment of these rules without delay; ***is extremely worried about some cases, including Elmar Brok, MEP, who, according to media reports, generated cash from Parliament visitors groups; is of a firm opinion that the rules governing the payment of financial contributions should be revised as soon as possible in order to avoid that any benefit can be generated by Members; calls on the Bureau to generalize the reimbursement based on bills for visitors groups; recalls***

*its request to delete the possibility to appoint APAs as head of a group;*

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**Gilles Pargneaux**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 23 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**23a. *Calls for a review of the system for calculating the reimbursement of travel expenses for groups of visitors sponsored by Members, with a view both to ensuring equal treatment of all Union citizens and to promoting the use of more environmentally friendly means of transport, given that the current system, based on calculating mileage, fails both to take account of the isolation and geographical barriers afflicting certain areas of the Union and to cover the cost of travelling to places where faster and more environmentally friendly means of transport are available;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 26**  
**Gilles Pargneaux**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 24**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

24. Points out that the Bureau examined a proposal by the Secretary-General to improve the current legal framework governing trainees employed by Members that currently lacks certain safeguards; underlines that it is every

**24. *Observes that trainees employed by Members have a private-law contract with the Member, which does not entitle them to the same status in Parliament as that of other categories of Parliament staff, or to have scholarships from the Parliament***



Member's prerogative to provide trainees suitable remuneration in line with the legal framework; supports the **Secretary-General in his** effort to draft a comprehensive and balanced proposal to review this situation;

*itself (Schuman scholarships); regrets that there is no facility or legal framework within the Directorate-General for Finance (DG FINS) to arrange a scheme for direct advance payments to such trainees prior to missions – although such arrangements are in place for all other staff – given the fact that, for obvious reasons, they can barely afford to pay these expenses up front out of their own pockets;* Points out that the Bureau examined a proposal by the Secretary-General to improve the current legal framework governing trainees employed by Members that currently lacks certain safeguards; underlines that it is every Member's prerogative to provide trainees suitable remuneration in line with the legal framework; supports the **Bureau in its** effort to draft a comprehensive and balanced proposal to review this situation; *hopes that a proposal will be submitted as soon as possible;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 27**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 24**

*Motion for a resolution*

24. Points out that the Bureau examined a proposal by the Secretary-General to improve the current legal framework governing trainees employed by Members that currently lacks certain safeguards; underlines that it is every Member's prerogative to provide trainees suitable remuneration in line with the legal framework; supports the Secretary-General in his effort to draft a comprehensive and balanced proposal to review this situation;

*Amendment*

24. Points out that the Bureau examined a proposal by the Secretary-General to improve the current legal framework governing trainees employed by Members that currently lacks certain safeguards; underlines that it is every Member's prerogative to provide trainees suitable remuneration in line with the legal framework; supports the Secretary-General in his effort to draft a comprehensive and balanced proposal to review this situation; ***regrets that this proposal did not provide, as requested by Parliament in its***

*resolution on the 2016 discharge, for the establishment of a legal instrument or framework within the Directorate-General for Finance (DG FINS) to arrange a scheme for direct advance payments to such trainees prior to missions – although such arrangements are in place for all other staff – given the fact that, for obvious reasons, they can barely afford to pay these expenses up front out of their own pockets; calls on the Secretary-General to include such arrangements in the proposal to be submitted to the Bureau;*

Or. es

**Amendment 28**  
**Tomáš Zdechovský, Brando Benifei**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 24**

*Motion for a resolution*

24. Points out that the Bureau examined a proposal by the Secretary-General to improve the current legal framework governing trainees employed by Members that currently lacks certain safeguards; ***underlines that it is every Member's prerogative to provide trainees suitable remuneration in line with the legal framework***; supports the Secretary-General in his effort to draft a comprehensive and balanced proposal ***to review this situation***;

*Amendment*

24. Points out that the Bureau examined a proposal by the Secretary-General to improve the current legal framework governing trainees employed by Members that currently lacks certain safeguards, ***as also asked by 140+ Members supporting the Youth Intergroup "Fair Internship" campaign***; supports the Secretary-General in his effort to draft a comprehensive and balanced proposal ***that guarantees Members' prerogatives as well as adequate remuneration and comprehensive legal safeguards for trainees***; ***calls for the Bureau to swiftly adopt the new rules, that should enter into force at the beginning of the new term***;

Or. en

## Amendment 29

Dennis de Jong

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 27

##### *Motion for a resolution*

27. Notes that, following the Secretary-General's request, all Parliament's DGs developed management tools to comply with the principle of performance-based budgeting; observes that the existing quantitative targets **are** difficult to implement in the DGs, which work to the timeframe of the political cycle; invites the Secretary-General to take this fact into consideration when evaluating performance based budgeting across DGs, without disregarding the focus on added value;

##### *Amendment*

27. Notes that, following the Secretary-General's request, all Parliament's DGs developed management tools to comply with the principle of performance-based budgeting; observes that **some of** the existing quantitative targets **may be** difficult to implement in the DGs, which work to the timeframe of the political cycle; invites the Secretary-General to take this fact into consideration when evaluating performance based budgeting across DGs, without disregarding the focus on added value;

Or. en

## Amendment 30

Benedek Jávor, Indrek Tarand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 28

##### *Motion for a resolution*

28. Notes with appreciation that technical solutions were created for Members who wish to use their individual page on the Parliament's website for publication of meetings with interest representatives; **notes also that** the Bureau **is considering whether** to extend this solution to ensure that information is directly available on Parliament's website;

##### *Amendment*

28. Notes with appreciation that technical solutions were created for Members who wish to use their individual page on the Parliament's website for publication of meetings with interest representatives; **calls on** the Bureau to extend this solution to ensure **to all Members in order to** that information is directly available on Parliament's website;

Or. en

**Amendment 31**  
**Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Dennis de Jong, Benedek Jávor**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 29 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**29a. Calls on the Parliament's administration to provide an overview of the 2017 appointments of high-officials; and encourages the Secretary-General to initiate additional measures to improve the transparency of and equality during appointment procedures at the European Parliament, taking into account the findings and recommendations of the European Ombudsman in joint cases 488/2018/KR and 514/2018/KR;**

Or. en

**Amendment 32**  
**Gilles Pargneaux**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Subheading 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Geographic dispersion of the Parliament - Single Seat***      ***deleted***

Or. fr

**Amendment 33**  
**Gilles Pargneaux**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**30. Still strongly regrets that, according to the Court, the costs of the geographic dispersion of Parliament**      ***deleted***

*amount to EUR 114 million per year; takes note of the additional costs linked to Parliament's 12 journeys per year to Strasbourg, which can be broken down as follows for 2017:*

*Category*

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 34**

**Dennis de Jong, Wolf Klinz, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Anders Primdahl Vistisen, Jeppe Kofod, Merja Kyllönen, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Pina Picierno, Ernest Urtasun, Richard Sulík, Lara Comi, Romana Tomc, Christel Schaldemose, Marietje Schaake**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 30 – introductory part**

*Motion for a resolution*

30. *Still strongly* regrets that, *according to the Court*, the costs of the geographic dispersion of Parliament *amount* to EUR 114 million per year; takes note of the additional costs linked to Parliament's 12 journeys per year to Strasbourg, which can be broken down as follows for 2017:

*Amendment*

30. Regrets that, *despite repeated calls from the European Parliament for establishing a single seat, and the fact that citizens of the Union do not understand why the European Parliament should divide its activities over two seats, so far the European Council did not even commence a discussion on how to meet Parliament's requests in this respect; recalls the 2014 ECA analysis which estimated the costs of the geographic dispersion of the Parliament to be EUR 114 million per year; notes, furthermore, the finding from its resolution of 20 November 2013 on the location of the seats of the European Union's Institutions<sup>1a</sup> that 78 % of all missions by Parliament statutory staff arise as a direct result of the Parliament's geographic dispersion; emphasises that the report also estimates the environmental impact of the geographic dispersion to be between 11 000 to 19 000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions; reiterates the negative public perception caused by that dispersion; reiterates its call on the Council to develop a comprehensive strategy in order to agree on a single seat for Parliament;*

takes note of the additional costs linked to Parliament's 12 journeys per year to Strasbourg, which can be broken down as follows for 2017:

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<sup>1a</sup> *OJ C 436, 24.11.2016, p. 2.*

Or. en

### **Amendment 35**

**Benedek Jávor, Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 30 – introductory part**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

30. Still strongly regrets that, according to the Court, the costs of the geographic dispersion of Parliament amount to EUR 114 million per year; takes note of the additional costs linked to Parliament's 12 journeys per year to Strasbourg, which can be broken down as follows for 2017:

##### *Amendment*

30. Still strongly regrets that, according to the Court, the costs of the geographic dispersion of Parliament amount to EUR 114 million per year; takes note of the additional costs linked to Parliament's 12 journeys per year to Strasbourg, which can be broken down as follows for 2017 **and also causes more than 19 000 tons of CO2 in emissions<sup>1a</sup>**;

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<sup>1a</sup> *Peer reviewed study "European Parliament two-seat operation: Environmental costs, transport & energy"*  
<https://www.greens-efa.eu/files/doc/docs/5830c124ac32d7cfa244fda2739fc05a.pdf>

Or. en

### **Amendment 36**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea, Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 30 – introductory part**

*Motion for a resolution*

30. Still strongly regrets that, according to the *Court*, the costs of the geographic dispersion of Parliament **amount to** EUR 114 million per year; **takes note of** the additional costs linked to Parliament's 12 journeys per year to Strasbourg, which can be broken down as follows for 2017:

*Amendment*

30. Still strongly regrets that, according to the ***estimates drawn up***, the costs of the geographic dispersion of Parliament **vary between** EUR 114 million **and EUR 204 million** per year; **deplores** the additional costs linked to Parliament's 12 journeys per year to Strasbourg, ***in the form of Members' travel expenses***, which can be broken down as follows for 2017:

Or. it

**Amendment 37**

**Dennis de Jong, Wolf Klinz, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Jeppe Kofod, Merja Kyllönen, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Pina Picierno, Ernest Urtasun, Lara Comi, Romana Tomc, Christel Schaldemose, Marietje Schaake**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 30 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***30a. Notes that the creation of an institute dedicated to the education of future European diplomats within the EEAS could be an example to repurpose the premises of the European Parliament in Strasbourg to house this diplomatic institute;***

Or. en

**Amendment 38  
Gilles Pargneaux**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 31**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***31. Stresses that, additionally, the cost of the Thalys charter train was EUR 3 668 532 in 2017;***

***deleted***

**Amendment 39**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea, Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 31**

*Motion for a resolution*

31. Stresses that, additionally, the cost of the Thalys charter train was **EUR 3 668 532** in 2017;

*Amendment*

31. Stresses that, additionally, the cost of the Thalys charter train was **no less than EUR 3 668 532** in 2017;

Or. it

**Amendment 40**

**Benedek Jávor, Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 31 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**31a. Reiterates its call for the European Parliament to have a single seat, in order to optimize parliamentary and institutional work and to reduce political costs; points out that the annual costs of Parliament's geographical dispersion range from EUR 156 million to EUR 204 million and that the annual environmental impact is estimated to be as high as 19 000 tonnes of CO2 emissions;**

Or. en

**Amendment 41**

**Gilles Pargneaux**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 32**



**32. Strongly underlines that this additional expenditure goes against the principle of sound financial management and against the principle of budgetary discipline; acknowledges that a single seat can only be achieved by a unanimous Treaty change; calls upon Council and the Commission to initiate such a Treaty change without further delay; takes the view that this Treaty change will benefit European taxpayers;**

*deleted*

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 42**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea, Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 32**

32. Strongly underlines that this additional expenditure goes against the principle of sound financial management and against the principle of budgetary discipline; acknowledges that a single seat can only be achieved by a unanimous Treaty change; calls upon Council and the Commission to initiate such a Treaty change without further delay; takes the view that this Treaty change will benefit European taxpayers;

32. Strongly underlines that this additional expenditure goes against the principle of sound financial management and against the principle of budgetary discipline; acknowledges that a single seat can only be achieved by a unanimous Treaty change; calls upon Council and the Commission to initiate such a Treaty change without further delay, **and** takes the view that this Treaty change will benefit European taxpayers, **both financially and as regards the quality of the work done by MEPs; calls, therefore, for practical steps to be taken quickly to establish a single seat for Parliament, in order to prevent any further waste of public money; deplores the fact that over a single parliamentary term the costs generated by Parliament's geographic dispersion can amount to as much as EUR 1 billion, and voices opposition to the multiannual building projects intended to increase the office space available to Members in both**

**Amendment 43**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea, Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 32 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**32a. Emphasises that the annual environmental impact of the geographic dispersion of Parliament's activities amounts to between 11 000 and 19 000 tonnes of CO2 emissions; emphasises that this dispersion is damaging Parliament's image among EU citizens, and calls for a road map of measures designed to establish a single seat for Parliament to be drawn up quickly;**

**Amendment 44**

**Gilles Pargneaux**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 35**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

35. Takes note of the **ongoing** technical and editorial changes made to Parliament's public website; **underlines that** progress remains slow, particularly in view of the forthcoming European elections in 2019 and increased interest in Parliament's work;

35. Takes note of the **major** technical and editorial changes made to Parliament's public website, **particularly with regard to search engine optimisation of the site; congratulates DG COMM on this progress but stresses that the pace of** progress remains slow, particularly in view of the forthcoming European elections in 2019 and increased interest in Parliament's work; **stresses that a transparent and accessible website is key to the involvement of citizens;**

**Amendment 45**  
**Ryszard Czarnecki**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 35**

*Motion for a resolution*

35. Takes note of the ongoing technical and editorial changes made to Parliament's public website; underlines that progress remains slow, particularly in view of the forthcoming European elections in 2019 and increased interest in Parliament's work;

*Amendment*

35. Takes note of the ongoing technical and editorial changes made to Parliament's public website; underlines that progress remains slow, particularly in view of the forthcoming European elections in 2019 and increased interest in Parliament's work; ***stresses that further improvements are of the utmost priority;***

Or. en

**Amendment 46**  
**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 35**

*Motion for a resolution*

35. Takes note of the ongoing technical and editorial changes made to Parliament's public website; ***underlines*** that progress remains slow, particularly in view of the forthcoming European elections in 2019 and increased interest in Parliament's work;

*Amendment*

35. Takes note of the ongoing technical and editorial changes made to Parliament's public website; ***is concerned*** that progress remains slow, particularly in view of the forthcoming European elections in 2019 and increased interest in Parliament's work; ***requests that the process is urgently sped up;***

Or. en

**Amendment 47**  
**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**

## Paragraph 35 a (new)

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**35a.** *Stresses that it is difficult to find out the result of Parliament's votes on the website of the European Parliament and that VoteWatch, a commercial website, is much more practical since the voting results are easier to find; calls on the Secretary-General to build a more advanced system for Parliament's website, registering plenary roll-call votes with easy search options to seek voting behaviour of individual Members and to compare these with other members of their group and with members of other groups;*

Or. en

## Amendment 48 Petri Sarvamaa

### Motion for a resolution Paragraph 37

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

37. Notes that in 2017, 223 press seminars were organised in the Member States with more than 3 076 journalists attending; welcomes that, additionally, 1 905 journalists were invited to take part in plenary sessions, centrally organised press seminars and conferences; commends DG COMM for using all possible media channels for dissemination of Parliament's work and achievements; *invites* the DG to pay adequate attention to the importance of social media and its significant and ever-growing potential for reaching citizens;

37. Notes that in 2017, 223 press seminars were organised in the Member States with more than 3 076 journalists attending; welcomes that, additionally, 1 905 journalists were invited to take part in plenary sessions, centrally organised press seminars and conferences; commends DG COMM for using all possible media channels for dissemination of Parliament's work and achievements; *encourages* the DG to pay adequate attention to the importance of social media and its significant and ever-growing potential for reaching citizens;

Or. en

**Amendment 49**  
**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 37 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**37a. Recognises the attempts of DG COMM to also reach out to those citizens who are not automatically interested in Parliament's work; encourages the Secretary-General to build a truly interactive communication strategy, going beyond target groups such as journalists and students, and including a 'listening mode' to collect and answer possible critical voices;**

Or. en

**Amendment 50**  
**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 40**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

40. **Welcomes** the opening of the House of European History in May 2017 and the Simone Veil Parliamentarium in Strasbourg in July 2017; notes that between May and December the House of European History welcomed 99 344 visitors; regrets that its opening was delayed for more than one year; is concerned that 99 344 visitors seems few relative to costs of EUR 4,4 million in staff costs: EUR 2,7 million for permanent staff and EUR 1,7 million for contract agents (including the cost of the security agents); invites the Bureau to undertake a cost-benefit analysis and assess whether this significant amount of money is being spent wisely;

40. **Takes note of** the opening of the House of European History in May 2017 and the Simone Veil Parliamentarium in Strasbourg in July 2017; notes that between May and December the House of European History welcomed 99 344 visitors; regrets that its opening was delayed for more than one year; is concerned that 99 344 visitors seems few relative to costs of EUR 4,4 million in staff costs: EUR 2,7 million for permanent staff and EUR 1,7 million for contract agents (including the cost of the security agents); **considers, moreover, that the number of visitors is flattered as it largely represents group visits organised with subsidies from the European Parliament;** invites the Bureau to undertake a cost-benefit analysis

and assess whether this significant amount of money is being spent wisely; ***reiterates its call on the Bureau to continue the dialogue with the local authorities to see how the latter can further contribute to the financing of the House of European History;***

Or. en

**Amendment 51**  
**Gilles Pargneaux**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 40**

*Motion for a resolution*

40. Welcomes the opening of the House of European History in May 2017 and the Simone Veil Parliamentarium in Strasbourg in July 2017; notes that between May and December the House of European History welcomed **99 344** visitors; regrets that its opening was delayed for more than one year; is concerned that **99 344** visitors seems few relative to costs of EUR 4,4 million in staff costs: EUR 2,7 million for permanent staff and EUR 1,7 million for contract agents (including the cost of the security agents); ***invites the Bureau to undertake a cost-benefit analysis and assess whether this significant amount of money is being spent wisely;***

*Amendment*

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Or. fr

**Amendment 52**  
**Petri Sarvamaa, Tomáš Zdechovský, Brian Hayes, Andrey Novakov**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 40**

*Motion for a resolution*

40. Welcomes the opening of the House of European History in May 2017 and the Simone Veil Parliamentarium in Strasbourg in July 2017; notes that between May and December the House of European History welcomed 99 344 visitors; regrets that its opening was delayed for more than one year; is concerned that 99 344 visitors seems few relative to costs of EUR 4,4 million in staff costs: EUR 2,7 million for permanent staff and EUR 1,7 million for contract agents (including the cost of the security agents); invites the Bureau to undertake a cost-benefit analysis ***and assess whether this significant amount of money is being spent wisely***;

*Amendment*

40. Welcomes the opening of the House of European History in May 2017 and the Simone Veil Parliamentarium in Strasbourg in July 2017; notes that between May and December the House of European History welcomed 99 344 visitors; regrets that its opening was delayed for more than one year; is concerned that 99 344 visitors seems few relative to costs of EUR 4,4 million in staff costs: EUR 2,7 million for permanent staff and EUR 1,7 million for contract agents (including the cost of the security agents); invites the Bureau to undertake a cost-benefit analysis;

Or. en

**Amendment 53**  
**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 40 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***40a. Expresses its deep concerns regarding the working conditions of the Expo Crew members working in the HEH and the Parliamentarium; regrets that before replacing the existing framework contract for the provision of guided tours and learning services with a new one, through a tender procedure in January 2019, no comparative study was conducted on the potential advantages for both staff and Parliament of proceeding to in-house staffing of the current EXPO crew members; urges the Secretary-General to take a far more active role in ensuring that the new contractor offers better remuneration to EXPO Crew members than is done by the current***

*contractor who applies the lowest possible salary levels under Belgian law (based on Commission Paritaire 200) and that the new contractor provides for proper, respectful working conditions, improving the working hours and breaks, and providing EXPO Crew members with proper attire; ; urgently requests the Secretary-General to keep the CONT committee closely informed on the requirements for the new tender;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 54**

**Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 41**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

41. Is deeply concerned that, despite all the activities organised by DG COMM, European citizens still feel that there is a lack of information about the Union and what the Parliament accomplishes and works on; calls on DG COMM to **make a greater** effort towards generating innovative ideas to counter this distance between the Union and its citizens;

##### *Amendment*

41. Is deeply concerned that, despite all the activities organised by DG COMM, European citizens still feel that there is a lack of information about the Union and what the Parliament accomplishes and works on; calls on DG COMM to **keep pushing its** effort towards generating innovative ideas to counter this distance between the Union and its citizens **and takes note of the innovative approach proposed for the institutional communication campaign proposed for the 2019 European elections;**

Or. en

#### **Amendment 55**

**Notis Marias**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 41 a (new)**



*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**41a.** *Deplores the fact that, while the public and private media avail themselves of European Parliament equipment and facilities in Strasbourg and Brussels, they nevertheless fail to respect the principle of proportional equality with regard to the political groups represented therein.*

Or. el

**Amendment 56**  
**Notis Marias**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 41 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**41b.** *Calls on the Directorate-General for Communication to ensure that, in the run-up to the 2019 European elections, the public and private media air the views of MEPs and political groups in the European Parliament in a way that ensures objectivity and pluralism;*

Or. el

**Amendment 57**  
**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 42**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

42. Takes note of the reform approved by the Bureau in November 2017 of the European Parliament Liaison Offices (EPLO) where the revised mission statement aims at engaging with citizens, media and stakeholders in order to reach out to citizens;

42. Takes note of the reform approved by the Bureau in November 2017 of the European Parliament Liaison Offices (EPLO) where the revised mission statement aims at engaging with citizens, media and stakeholders in order to reach out to citizens; *calls on the Liaison Offices*

*to ensure that citizens are aware of the work undertaken by the European Institutions and to ensure that they are aware of the existence of the Liaison Offices;*

Or. en

**Amendment 58**  
**Notis Marias**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 42**

*Motion for a resolution*

42. Takes note of the reform approved by the Bureau in November 2017 of the European Parliament Liaison Offices (EPLO) where the revised mission statement aims at engaging with citizens, media and stakeholders in order to reach out to citizens;

*Amendment*

42. Takes note of the reform approved by the Bureau in November 2017 of the European Parliament Liaison Offices (EPLO) where the revised mission statement aims at engaging with citizens, media and stakeholders in order to reach out to citizens; *calls on the Liaison Offices to inform the Committee on Budgetary Control of the outcome of the reform;*

Or. el

**Amendment 59**  
**Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 45**

*Motion for a resolution*

45. Regrets that expenditure items such as salaries and mission costs were not communicated in response to the questionnaire; draws on the information provided during the 2016 discharge procedure, where salaries paid for EPLO staff amounted to EUR 23 058 210 and mission costs amounted to EUR 1 383 843; assumes that these amounts have not

*Amendment*

45. *Takes note of the increased communication activities realised by the liaison offices in 2017 involving daily relations with regional and local media, targeted social media presence and local community management, realisation of local events, relations with local authorities, school and stakeholders* regrets that expenditure items such as

changed significantly for the budgetary year 2017 and remains concerned that costs may outweigh the benefits; acknowledges the importance of effective communication in Member States but stresses the need for cost-efficiency; invites all decision-making parties involved to strive for more added value particularly with regards to running costs;

salaries and mission costs were not communicated in response to the questionnaire; draws on the information provided during the 2016 discharge procedure, where salaries paid for EPLO staff amounted to EUR 23 058 210 and mission costs amounted to EUR 1 383 843; assumes that these amounts have not changed significantly for the budgetary year 2017 and remains concerned that costs may outweigh the benefits; acknowledges the importance of effective communication in Member States but stresses the need for cost-efficiency **and it is confident that the revised mission statement will contribute to this aim**, invites all decision-making parties involved to strive for more added value particularly with regards to running costs;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 60**

**Benedek Jávor**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 45**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

45. **Regrets** that expenditure items such as salaries and mission costs were not communicated in response to the questionnaire; ***draws on the information provided during the 2016 discharge procedure, where salaries paid for EPLO staff amounted to EUR 23 058 210 and mission costs amounted to EUR 1 383 843; assumes that these amounts have not changed significantly for the budgetary year 2017 and remains concerned that costs may outweigh the benefits;*** acknowledges the importance of effective communication in Member States but stresses the need for cost-efficiency; invites all decision-making parties involved to

###### *Amendment*

45. **Considers unacceptable** that expenditure items such as salaries and mission costs were not communicated in response to the questionnaire; ***is of the firm opinion that the Secretary General has the duty to reply to all questions put forward by the Members;*** ; acknowledges the importance of effective communication in Member States but stresses the need for cost-efficiency; invites all decision-making parties involved to strive for more added value particularly with regards to running costs;

strive for more added value particularly with regards to running costs;

Or. en

**Amendment 61**  
**Gilles Pargneaux**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 45**

*Motion for a resolution*

45. Regrets that expenditure items such as salaries and mission costs were not communicated in response to the questionnaire; draws on the information provided during the 2016 discharge procedure, where salaries paid for EPLO staff amounted to EUR **23 058 210** and mission costs amounted to EUR **1 383 843**; assumes that these amounts have not changed significantly for the budgetary year 2017 **and remains concerned that costs may outweigh the benefits**; acknowledges the importance of effective communication in Member States **but stresses the need for cost-efficiency**; invites all decision-making parties involved to strive for more added value particularly with regards to running costs;

*Amendment*

45. Regrets that expenditure items such as salaries and mission costs were not communicated in response to the questionnaire; draws on the information provided during the 2016 discharge procedure, where salaries paid for EPLO staff amounted to EUR **23 058 210** and mission costs amounted to EUR **1 383 843**; assumes that these amounts have not changed significantly for the budgetary year 2017; acknowledges the importance of effective communication in Member States; invites all decision-making parties involved to strive for more added value particularly with regards to running costs;

Or. fr

**Amendment 62**  
**Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 45**

*Motion for a resolution*

45. Regrets that expenditure items such as salaries and mission costs were not communicated in response to the

*Amendment*

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questionnaire; draws on the information provided during the 2016 discharge procedure, where salaries paid for EPLO staff amounted to EUR 23 058 210 and mission costs amounted to EUR 1 383 843; assumes that these amounts have not changed significantly for the budgetary year 2017 **and remains concerned that costs may outweigh the benefits**; acknowledges the importance of effective communication in Member States but stresses the need for cost-efficiency; invites all decision-making parties involved to strive for more added value particularly with regards to running costs;

questionnaire; draws on the information provided during the 2016 discharge procedure, where salaries paid for EPLO staff amounted to EUR 23 058 210 and mission costs amounted to EUR 1 383 843; assumes that these amounts have not changed significantly for the budgetary year 2017; acknowledges the importance of effective communication in Member States but stresses the need for cost-efficiency; invites all decision-making parties involved to strive for more added value particularly with regards to running costs;

Or. en

### **Amendment 63** **Notis Marias**

#### **Motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 45**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

45. Regrets that expenditure items such as salaries and mission costs were not communicated in response to the questionnaire; draws on the information provided during the 2016 discharge procedure, where salaries paid for EPLO staff amounted to EUR **23 058 210** and mission costs amounted to EUR **1 383 843**; **assumes that these amounts have not changed significantly for the budgetary year 2017 and remains concerned that costs may outweigh the benefits**; **acknowledges the importance of effective communication in Member States but stresses the need for cost-efficiency**; invites all decision-making parties involved to strive for more added value particularly with regards to running costs;

##### *Amendment*

45. Regrets **deeply** that expenditure items such as salaries and mission costs were not communicated in response to the questionnaire; draws on the information provided during the 2016 discharge procedure, where salaries paid for EPLO staff amounted to EUR **23 058 210** and mission costs amounted to EUR **1 383 843**; **urges the Liaison Offices to inform the European Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control forthwith regarding all expenditure and funding**; remains concerned that costs may outweigh the benefits; stresses the need for cost-efficiency; invites all decision-making parties involved to strive for more added value particularly with regards to running costs;

Or. el

**Amendment 64**  
**Ryszard Czarnecki**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 45 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**45a. *Underlines the need to modernise the mission of the information offices of Parliament by optimising the use of new communication technologies as their task is to better inform citizens;***

Or. en

**Amendment 65**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 46**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

46. Notes that DG PERS's lead indicator in 2017 is time to deliver; notes with satisfaction that targets and methods of data collection were refined with a general positive assessment of the results; notes that objectives to improve the procedures for recruiting APAs and for admitting children to the Parliament's kindergarten were not met, but that the difficulties that had been encountered were resolved in 2018;

46. Notes that DG PERS's lead indicator in 2017 is time to deliver; notes with satisfaction that targets and methods of data collection were refined with a general positive assessment of the results; notes ***with concern*** that objectives to improve the procedures for recruiting APAs and for admitting children to the Parliament's kindergarten were not met, but that the difficulties that had been encountered were resolved in 2018; ***stresses that the recruitment procedure for APAs may thus prove problematic at the beginning of the next parliamentary term; calls, therefore, on the SG, in the interests of Members and assistants, to put in place all the technical and staffing arrangements necessary for avoiding problems and delays, with particular emphasis on avoiding the problems that arose in 2009 and 2014;***

### **Amendment 66**

**Benedek Jávor, Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 46**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

46. Notes that DG PERS's lead indicator in 2017 is time to deliver; notes with satisfaction that targets and methods of data collection were refined with a general positive assessment of the results; notes that objectives to improve the procedures for recruiting APAs and for admitting children to the Parliament's kindergarten were not met, but that the difficulties that had been encountered were resolved in 2018;

###### *Amendment*

46. Notes that DG PERS's lead indicator in 2017 is time to deliver; notes with satisfaction that targets and methods of data collection were refined with a general positive assessment of the results; notes that objectives to improve the procedures for recruiting APAs and for admitting children to the Parliament's kindergarten were not met, but that the difficulties that had been encountered were resolved in 2018; ***underlines that the process of recruiting APAs at the beginning of the next parliamentary term can be challenging and that delays have to be avoided in the interest of Members and APAs;***

Or. en

### **Amendment 67**

**Claudia Schmidt**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 46**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

46. Notes that DG PERS's lead indicator in 2017 is time to deliver; notes with satisfaction that targets and methods of data collection were refined with a general positive assessment of the results; notes that objectives to improve the procedures for recruiting APAs and for admitting children to the Parliament's

###### *Amendment*

46. Notes that DG PERS's lead indicator in 2017 is time to deliver; notes with satisfaction that targets and methods of data collection were refined with a general positive assessment of the results; notes that objectives to improve the procedures for recruiting APAs and for admitting children to the Parliament's

kindergarten were not met, but that the difficulties that had been encountered were resolved in 2018;

kindergarten were not met, but that the difficulties that had been encountered were resolved in 2018; ***underlines that the process of recruiting APAs at the beginning of the next parliamentary term can be challenging and that delays have to be avoided in the interest of Members and APAs;***

Or. en

**Amendment 68**  
**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 46**

*Motion for a resolution*

46. Notes that DG PERS's lead indicator in 2017 is time to deliver; notes with satisfaction that targets and methods of data collection were refined with a general positive assessment of the results; notes that objectives to improve the procedures for recruiting APAs and for admitting children to the Parliament's kindergarten were not met, but that the difficulties that had been encountered were resolved in 2018;

*Amendment*

46. Notes that DG PERS's lead indicator in 2017 is time to deliver; notes with satisfaction that targets and methods of data collection were refined with a general positive assessment of the results; notes that objectives to improve the procedures for recruiting APAs and for admitting children to the Parliament's kindergarten were not met, but that the difficulties that had been encountered were resolved in 2018; ***underlines that the process of recruiting APAs at the beginning of the next parliamentary term can be challenging and that delays have to be avoided in the interest of Members and APAs;***

Or. en

**Amendment 69**  
**Gilles Pargneaux**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 46**



*Motion for a resolution*

46. Notes that DG PERS's lead indicator in 2017 is time to deliver; notes with satisfaction that targets and methods of data collection were refined with a general positive assessment of the results; notes that objectives to improve the procedures for recruiting APAs and for admitting children to the Parliament's kindergarten were not met, but that the difficulties that had been encountered were resolved in 2018;

*Amendment*

46. Notes that DG PERS's lead indicator in 2017 is time to deliver; notes with satisfaction that targets and methods of data collection were refined with a general positive assessment of the results; notes that objectives to improve the procedures for recruiting APAs and for admitting children to the Parliament's kindergarten were not met, but that the difficulties that had been encountered were resolved in 2018; ***stresses that the process of recruiting APAs at the beginning of the next parliamentary term may be difficult and that delays must be avoided in the interests of both Members and APAs;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 70**  
**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 47 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***47a. Recognises that, for certain activities such as running the canteens and cleaning, outsourcing has been Parliament's preferred option and that, as a consequence, for certain DG's, the number of external staff on Parliament's premises may even exceed the number of officials;***

Or. en

**Amendment 71**  
**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 47 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**47b.** *Notes, however, that such outsourcing decisions cannot provide an explanation for the use of all external staff and that, for example in the Directorate-General Innovation and Technological Support (DG ITEC), the ratio between external staff and officials is difficult to explain;*

Or. en

**Amendment 72**  
**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 47 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**47c.** *Reiterates the opinion that external staff should not be used to compensate for the reduction of the number of posts as agreed in the context of the 2014 revision of the Staff Regulations and the current MFF;*

Or. en

**Amendment 73**  
**Benedek Jávor, Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 48**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

48. Welcomes the fact that promoting equal opportunities remains a key component of Parliament's human resource management policy; **takes note** that the gender equality roadmap continues to be implemented **through concrete actions**

48. Welcomes the fact that promoting equal opportunities remains a key component of Parliament's human resource management policy; **strongly regrets** that the gender equality roadmap continues **not** to be **fully** implemented, **especially**

*and a clear timeline for specific measures;*

*concerning the representation of women in middle and senior management positions (40%) by 2020;*

Or. en

**Amendment 74**  
**Gilles Pargneaux**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 48**

*Motion for a resolution*

48. Welcomes the fact that promoting equal opportunities remains a key component of Parliament's human resource management policy; **takes note** that the gender equality roadmap continues to be implemented through concrete actions and a clear timeline for specific measures;

*Amendment*

48. Welcomes the fact that promoting equal opportunities remains a key component of Parliament's human resource management policy; **notes** that the gender equality roadmap continues to be implemented through concrete actions and a clear timeline for specific measures **regarding management, professional training, awareness-raising on gender equality, work-life balance measures and regular monitoring of gender balance through statistics;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 75**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 49**

*Motion for a resolution*

49. Acknowledges the sensitive situation of APAs who have worked for two parliamentary legislative terms without interruption - but without completing the ten years' service needed due to early **election** in 2014 - and **are therefore not entitled to** the European pension rights scheme; notes with appreciation that the

*Amendment*

49. Acknowledges the sensitive situation of APAs who have worked for two parliamentary legislative terms without interruption - but without completing the ten years' service needed due to **the** early **elections** in 2014 - and **the delays in the first wave of recruitments in 2009 with the entry into force of the statute, meaning**

Bureau has discussed the issue and is *putting in efforts* to find *credible options*;

*that these APAs will be between one and two months away from eligibility for the European pension rights scheme; notes with appreciation that the Bureau has discussed the issue and is **working together with DG PERS and the APAs' representatives** to find **solutions**; asks that these solutions avoid, in as much as is possible, changes to their contractual arrangements that would cause them to lose entitlements accrued upon their recruitment in 2009;*

Or. es

**Amendment 76**  
**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 49 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*49a. Reiterates its concern about the alleged practice of Members obliging APAs to undertake missions, particularly to Strasbourg, without mission orders, without mission costs or simply without travel costs; is of opinion that such a practice leaves room for abuse: where APAs travel without a mission order they not only have to pay for the costs by their own means, they are also not covered by workplace insurance; calls on the Secretary-General to investigate this alleged practice and to report on this by the end of the year;*

Or. en

**Amendment 77**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 49 a (new)**

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*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**49a.** *Calls on the Administration to provide, as early as possible in the next parliamentary term, training courses and/or publications especially for new assistants, including in practical/administrative matters (mission orders, medical examinations, accreditation, parking stickers, groups of visitors, exhibitions, etc.) in order to avoid systemic errors hindering the smooth running of administrative procedures that affect them;*

Or. es

**Amendment 78**  
**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 49 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**49b.** *Reiterates the vulnerable position APAs and interns employed by Members hold in respect to internal whistleblower protection rules; notes with great concern the Secretary-General's acknowledgement that 'whistleblowing rules are applicable to APAs but the Parliament cannot provide employment protection'; urges the Secretary-General to address this situation immediately and fulfil the Parliament's legal obligations under the Staff Regulation to protect whistleblowers for all EU staff classifications;*

Or. en

**Amendment 79**  
**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 49 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**49c. Recognises that whistleblowing is crucial in preventing and deterring unlawful activities and wrongdoing; notes there were no parliamentary whistleblower cases in 2017 and of the three in 2016, all were APAs and were dismissed by their respective MEPs; believes that the Parliament may not be inspiring confidence in their staff generally, nor granting requisite legal protection to APAs specifically, to those who wish to report wrongdoing; calls on the Secretary-General to remedy this situation as a matter of urgency;**

Or. en

**Amendment 80**  
**Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 50**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

50. Notes that the drivers' service was brought in-house in 2017 with the main objective of improving the security of Members; observes that this permitted Parliament to conduct security screenings of drivers before employment and to provide continuous training and monitoring of its staff; notes with appreciation that the recruitment of 116 drivers and dispatchers was completed in 2017;

50. Notes that the drivers' service was brought in-house in 2017 with the main objective of improving the security of Members; observes that this permitted Parliament to conduct security screenings of drivers before employment and to provide continuous training and monitoring of its staff; notes with appreciation that the recruitment of 116 drivers and dispatchers was completed in 2017; **requests details of the costs incurred by bringing the drivers' service in-house;**

Or. de

**Amendment 81**  
**Marco Valli, Laura Agea, Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 50 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**50a. Takes the view that Parliament's Drivers' Service should be used by Members exclusively for journeys to Parliament's premises from the airport/station or vice versa (primary journeys), and that Parliament minivans and minibuses should be used for this purpose; emphasises that in Belgium MPs can use trains free of charge, and calls, therefore, for a similar arrangement to be introduced as a replacement for Parliament's Drivers' Service, with a view to achieving the maximum savings possible; deplores the fact that in 2017 57.63% of the journeys undertaken by Parliament's Drivers' Service in Brussels and 67.62% of those it undertook in Strasbourg were secondary journeys;**

Or. it

**Amendment 82**  
**Benedek Jávor, Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 51**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

51. Welcomes the implementation of an occasional teleworking scheme for the Secretariat-General of the Parliament; supports the conduction of a survey on the first year of experience of teleworking and asks for the evaluation results to be shared with the Members and all the Parliamentary services;

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*generalised the scheme to all staff including the APAs and the staff working for political groups;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 83**

**Benedek Jávor, Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Motion for a resolution Paragraph 52**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

52. Regrets that the number of women holding posts at the level of director-general fell from 25 % (3 posts) in 2016 to 17 % (2 posts) in 2017; *notes* the number of women at director level remained steady from 2016 to 2017 *at 30 %* (14 posts);

##### *Amendment*

52. ***Strongly*** regrets that the number of women holding posts at the level of director-general fell from 25 % (3 posts) in 2016 to 17 % (2 posts) in 2017; ***points out that the overall situation has not changed compared to 2006 when only the number of women holding posts at the level of director-general was 11,1%; highlights that the overall target for 2019 was set at 30% of women holding posts at the level of Director-General; regrets, furthermore,*** the number of women at director level remained steady from 2006 (29,6%) to 2017 (30 % and 14 posts); ***points out that the overall situation has not improved at all compared to 2006; highlights that the overall target for 2019 was set at 35% of women holding posts at the level of Director; highlights that those figures deviate largely from roadmap on gender equality and diversity; demands to the Secretary-General to report immediately to the BUDG, CONT and FEMM committees the reasons for not respecting the roadmap;***

Or. en

### **Amendment 84** **Claudia Schmidt**

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**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 52**

*Motion for a resolution*

52. Regrets that the number of women holding posts at the level of director-general fell from 25 % (3 posts) in 2016 to 17 % (2 posts) in 2017; notes the number of women at director level remained steady from 2016 to 2017 at 30 % (14 posts);

*Amendment*

52. Regrets that the number of women holding posts at the level of director-general fell from 25 % (3 posts) in 2016 to 17 % (2 posts) in 2017; notes the number of women at director level remained steady from 2016 to 2017 at 30 % (14 posts); **welcomes that the Secretary-General has given priority to appointing women as Head of Unit, which resulted in nearly doubling the numbers from 21% in 2006 to nearly 40% in 2018;**

Or. en

**Amendment 85**  
**Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 52**

*Motion for a resolution*

52. Regrets that the number of women holding posts at the level of director-general fell from **25 %** (3 posts) in 2016 to **17 %** (2 posts) in 2017; notes the number of women at director level remained steady from 2016 to 2017 at **30 %** (14 posts);

*Amendment*

52. Regrets that the number of women holding posts at the level of director-general fell from **25%** (3 posts) in 2016 to **17%** (2 posts) in 2017; notes the number of women at director level remained steady from 2016 to 2017 at **30%** (14 posts); **calls on the Bureau to implement the higher number of women constantly demanded by the European Parliament within its own ranks;**

Or. de

**Amendment 86**  
**Gilles Pargneaux**

**Motion for a resolution**

## Paragraph 52

### *Motion for a resolution*

52. Regrets that the number of women holding posts at the level of director-general fell from 25 % (3 posts) in 2016 to 17 % (2 posts) in 2017; notes the number of women at director level remained steady from 2016 to 2017 at 30 % (14 posts);

### *Amendment*

52. Regrets that the number of women holding posts at the level of director-general fell from 25 % (3 posts) in 2016 to 17 % (2 posts) in 2017; notes the number of women at director level remained steady from 2016 to 2017 at 30 % (14 posts); ***considers that this trend runs counter to Parliament's roadmap for gender equality;***

Or. fr

## Amendment 87

Petri Sarvamaa

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 52

### *Motion for a resolution*

52. Regrets that the ***number of women holding posts*** at the level of director-general fell from 25 % (***3 posts***) in 2016 to 17 % (***2 posts***) in 2017; notes ***the number of women*** at director level remained steady from 2016 to 2017 at 30 % (***14 posts***);

### *Amendment*

52. Regrets that the ***gender balance*** at the level of director-general fell from 25 % / ***75 %*** in 2016 to 17 % / ***83 %*** in 2017; notes ***that the gender balance*** at director level remained steady from 2016 to 2017 at 30 % / ***70 %*** ;

Or. en

## Amendment 88

Inés Ayala Sender

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 53

### *Motion for a resolution*

53. Notes the Parliament's zero tolerance policy towards sexual harassment adopted in 2017; ***notes also that*** several initiatives ***were and are being*** put in place to deal with harassment practices, in

### *Amendment*

53. Notes the Parliament's zero tolerance policy towards sexual harassment adopted in 2017; ***urges also the Parliament to fully implement the*** several ***agreed*** initiatives ***which will be*** put in

particular an updated roadmap for the adaptation of preventive and early support measures to deal with conflict and harassment between Members and APAs, trainees or other staff, an external audit of the Parliament's internal practices and procedures, the creation of a network of confidential counsellors, and the organisation of **a public hearing with experts in harassment in the workplace**; expects the results of the external audit to be communicated without delay, once available;

place to deal with harassment practices, in particular an updated roadmap for the adaptation of preventive and early support measures to deal with conflict and harassment between Members and APAs, trainees or other staff **as well as between peers, including** an external audit of the Parliament's internal practices and procedures, the creation of a network of **expert** confidential counsellors, **the introduction of mandatory trainings among Members, APAs, trainees or other staff, the recomposition of anti-harassment committees by merging them into one sole committee with a variable composition depending on the case under examination and including experts on preventing harassment from the legal or health sectors as standing members of the committee**; and the **regular** organisation of public **follow-ups by the FEMM Committee (reports, hearings, workshops etc.)**; expects the results of the external audit to be communicated without delay, once available;

Or. en

## **Amendment 89** **Gilles Pargneaux**

### **Motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 53**

#### *Motion for a resolution*

53. Notes the Parliament's zero tolerance policy towards sexual harassment adopted in 2017; notes also that several initiatives were and are being put in place to deal with harassment practices, in particular an updated roadmap for the adaptation of preventive and early support measures to deal with conflict and harassment between Members and APAs, trainees or other staff, an external audit of the Parliament's internal practices and

#### *Amendment*

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procedures, the creation of a network of confidential counsellors, and the organisation of a public hearing with experts in harassment in the workplace; **expects** the results of the external audit to be communicated without delay, once available;

procedures, the creation of a network of confidential counsellors, and the organisation of a public hearing with experts in harassment in the workplace; **notes that** the results of the external audit **were expected by November 2018 and hopes that they will** be communicated without delay, once available; **expects, furthermore, the full and transparent implementation of the roadmap in line with the adopted parliamentary resolution, starting, or advancing as much as possible, before the end of the current parliamentary term;**

Or. fr

### **Amendment 90**

**Benedek Jávor, Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 53**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

53. Notes the Parliament's zero tolerance policy towards sexual harassment adopted in 2017; notes also that several initiatives were and are being put in place to deal with harassment practices, in particular an updated roadmap for the adaptation of preventive and early support measures to deal with conflict and harassment between Members and APAs, trainees or other staff, an external audit of the Parliament's internal practices and procedures, the creation of a network of confidential counsellors, and the organisation of a public hearing with experts in harassment in the workplace; **expects** the results of the external audit to be communicated without delay, once available;

##### *Amendment*

53. Notes the Parliament's zero tolerance policy towards sexual harassment adopted in 2017; notes also that several initiatives were and are being put in place to deal with harassment practices, in particular an updated roadmap for the adaptation of preventive and early support measures to deal with conflict and harassment between Members and APAs, trainees or other staff, an external audit of the Parliament's internal practices and procedures, the creation of a network of confidential counsellors, and the organisation of a public hearing with experts in harassment in the workplace; **notes that** the results of the external audit **were expected by early November 2018 and requests them** to be communicated without delay, once available; **further expects the full and transparent implementation of the roadmap in**

*accordance with adopted parliamentary resolution, starting or advancing as much as possible already before the end of this legislature;*

Or. en

**Amendment 91**  
**Claudia Schmidt**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 53**

*Motion for a resolution*

53. Notes the Parliament's zero tolerance policy towards sexual harassment adopted in 2017; notes also that several initiatives were and are being put in place to deal with harassment practices, in particular an updated roadmap for the adaptation of preventive and early support measures to deal with conflict and harassment between Members and APAs, trainees or other staff, an external audit of the Parliament's internal practices and procedures, the creation of a network of confidential counsellors, and the organisation of a public hearing with experts in harassment in the workplace; **expects** the results of the external audit to be communicated without delay, once available;

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Or. en

**Amendment 92**  
**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 53**

*Motion for a resolution*

53. **Notes** the Parliament's zero tolerance policy towards sexual harassment adopted in 2017; notes also that several initiatives were and are being put in place to deal with harassment practices, in particular an updated roadmap for the adaptation of preventive and early support measures to deal with conflict and harassment between Members and APAs, trainees or other staff, an external audit of the Parliament's internal practices and procedures, the creation of a network of confidential counsellors, and the organisation of a public hearing with experts in harassment in the workplace; expects the results of the external audit to be communicated without delay, once available;

*Amendment*

53. **Welcomes** the Parliament's zero tolerance policy towards sexual harassment adopted in 2017; notes also that several initiatives were and are being put in place to deal with harassment practices, in particular an updated roadmap for the adaptation of preventive and early support measures to deal with conflict and harassment between Members and APAs, trainees or other staff, an external audit of the Parliament's internal practices and procedures, the creation of a network of confidential counsellors, and the organisation of a public hearing with experts in harassment in the workplace; expects the results of the external audit to be communicated without delay, once available;

Or. en

**Amendment 93**  
**Claudia Schmidt**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 53 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

***53a. Recommends a thorough revision of the Internal Rules governing missions and duty travel by officials and other servants of the European Parliament and of the Implementing measures for Title VII of the Conditions of employment of other servants of the European Union, in particular as to align the treatment of Accredited Parliamentary Assistants with that of Staff officials;***

*Amendment*

Or. en

**Amendment 94**  
**Gilles Pargneaux**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 53 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**53a. Recommends a thorough revision of the internal rules governing missions and travel by officials and other servants of Parliament and of the implementing measures for Title VII of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union, with a view, in particular, to aligning the treatment of accredited parliamentary assistants with that of officials;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 95**  
**Benedek Jávor, Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 53 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**53a. Recommends a thorough revision of the Internal Rules governing missions and duty travel by officials and other servants of the European Parliament and of the Implementing measures for Title VII of the Conditions of employment of other servants of the European Union, in particular as to align the treatment of Accredited Parliamentary Assistants with that of Staff officials.**

Or. en

**Amendment 96**  
**Gilles Pargneaux**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 53 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**53b. Reiterates its call on the Conference of Presidents and the Bureau to reconsider the possibility for APAs, under certain conditions to be determined, to accompany Members on official Parliament delegations and missions, as already requested by several Members; calls on the Secretary-General to investigate the budgetary consequences, and the organisation and logistics of these missions;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 97**  
**Claudia Schmidt**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 53 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**53b. Reiterates its call on the Conference of Presidents and the Bureau to reconsider the possibility for APAs, at certain conditions to be set, to accompany Members in official Parliament Delegations and Missions, as already requested by several Members; calls on the Secretary-General to investigate the budgetary consequences, and the organisation and logistics of these missions;**

Or. en

**Amendment 98**



**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 53 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**53a. Reiterates its call on the Conference of Presidents and the Bureau to reconsider the possibility for APAs, at certain conditions to be set, to accompany Members in official Parliament Delegations and Missions, as already requested by several Members; calls on the Secretary-General to investigate the budgetary consequences, and the organisation and logistics of these missions;**

Or. en

**Amendment 99  
Claudia Schmidt**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 54**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

54. Notes that ***the medium-term building strategy was revised*** in 2017 ***with*** committed appropriations of EUR 267 588 704, corresponding to 6 % increase in relation to 2016 (EUR 251 599 697); is aware that in Brussels the Martens building was concluded and went through fitting and adaptation works, the House of European History was opened, the Trèves I building was purchased and two other sites are being reconstructed and extended; observes that in Luxembourg the KAD project progresses, and that in Strasbourg the Havel building was brought into use in April 2017, followed by the Simone Veil Parliamentarium in July of the same year;

54. Notes that ***DGINLO had*** in 2017 committed appropriations of EUR 267 588 704, corresponding to 6 % increase in relation to 2016 (EUR 251 599 697); is aware that in Brussels the Martens building was concluded and went through fitting and adaptation works, the House of European History was opened, the Trèves I building was purchased and two other sites are being reconstructed and extended; observes that in Luxembourg the KAD project progresses, and that in Strasbourg the Havel building was brought into use in April 2017, followed by the Simone Veil Parliamentarium in July of the same year;

Or. en

**Amendment 100**  
**Ryszard Czarnecki**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 54 – subparagraph 1 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Stresses, however the urgent issue of the brand-new KAD II building which completion date was supposed to be in the year 2013 and the budget at a cost of EUR 317 million.***

Or. en

**Amendment 101**  
**Ryszard Czarnecki**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 54 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***54a. Deplores, that even if it all goes according to plan from now on, the new KAD II building will be ready by the end of 2019 at the cost of EUR 432 million over 6 years late and EUR 115 million more expensive.***

Or. en

**Amendment 102**  
**Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 54 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***54b. Requests to obtain the progress report on the completion of KAD II***

**Amendment 103**

**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 55**

*Motion for a resolution*

55. Notes that the creation of Europe House in several Information Offices has been approved by the Bureau and is being implemented throughout the coming years; calls for detailed information on the progress of works be included in the DG's annual activity report;

*Amendment*

55. Notes that the creation of Europe House in several Information Offices has been approved by the Bureau and is being implemented throughout the coming years; calls ***on the Secretary-General, to see to it that new locations for the Information Offices are selected on a careful cost-benefit analysis and regrets that in certain cities, such as Paris, locations were selected at the most expensive streets without proper justification;*** calls for detailed information on the progress of works be included in the DG's annual activity report;

**Amendment 104**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 55**

*Motion for a resolution*

55. Notes that the creation of Europe House in several Information Offices has been approved by the Bureau and is being implemented throughout the coming years; calls for detailed information on the progress of works be included in the DG's annual activity report;

*Amendment*

55. Notes that the creation of Europe House in several Information Offices has been approved by the Bureau and is being implemented throughout the coming years; calls for detailed information on the progress of works be included in the DG's annual activity report; ***calls on the SG to submit the various projects adopted by the***

*Bureau, justifications for them and the budgets allocated to them to the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Budgetary Control before the forthcoming European elections;*

Or. es

**Amendment 105**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea, Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 56 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*56a. Deplores the fact that over the last five years, from 2014 to 2018 inclusive, the cost to Parliament of renting its buildings was more than EUR 160 million, and more than EUR 37 million for the financial year 2017 alone; calls, therefore, for the leases to be renegotiated with a view to achieving the largest possible savings;*

Or. it

**Amendment 106**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 57**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

57. Recalls that most of Parliament's buildings were not designed and constructed taking into account the Eurocodes requirements for structural integrity, as those norms did not exist at the time of their construction; acknowledges *that this means that building policy will gradually move away from acquisition and towards renovations and*

57. Recalls that most of Parliament's buildings were not designed and constructed taking into account the Eurocodes requirements for structural integrity, as those norms did not exist at the time of their construction; acknowledges *the need to renovate and maintain Parliament's current buildings;*

*maintenance;*

Or. es

**Amendment 107**

**Benedek Jávor, Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 57 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**57a. Reminds the statement by the European Parliament on the exemplary role of buildings in the context of the Energy Efficiency Directive to bring its buildings to the highest energy efficiency standard<sup>1a</sup>; calls for the development of a coherent, long-term deep renovation strategy for all European Parliament buildings, and for including standard specifications on the extraction of reusable building materials in building renovation contracts;**

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Or. en

**Amendment 108**

**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 58**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

58. Acknowledges that the Bureau instructed the Secretary-General to

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mandate DG INLO to launch an architectural competition for the refurbishment of the Paul-Henri Spaak building considering only the selected options B - technical update and C - redesign of the building; notes that outcome of the process is foreseen for 2019;

mandate DG INLO to launch an architectural competition for the refurbishment of the Paul-Henri Spaak building considering only the selected options B - technical update and C - redesign of the building; notes that outcome of the process is foreseen for 2019; ***calls on the Secretary-General to develop a comprehensive plan concerning the guarantees that will be built in against costs rising beyond the estimations and to ensure that the contracts foresee that the European Parliament will not take the risk of any such setbacks; furthermore, calls on the Secretary-General to provide the European Parliament with a clear plan including the indirect costs related to each of the scenarios, in particular, when parts of the activities will have to take place elsewhere during the renovation and building activities, and to specify the options for dealing with the security risks without having to create an entirely new building;***

Or. en

**Amendment 109**  
**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 59**

*Motion for a resolution*

59. Notes that in 2017, EUR 75 000 were committed to the pilot installation of innovative furnishing and office equipment models for Members; notes also that the refurbishment of Members' offices and corridors in the Louise Weiss building, which was the only Parliament's building undergoing works in 2016 and 2017, totalled EUR 1 157 975 (compared to EUR 840 260 in 2016);

*Amendment*

59. Notes that in 2017, EUR 75 000 were committed to the pilot installation of innovative furnishing and office equipment models for Members; notes also that the refurbishment of Members' offices and corridors in the Louise Weiss building, which was the only Parliament's building undergoing works in 2016 and 2017, totalled EUR 1 157 975 (compared to EUR 840 260 in 2016); ***reiterates its deep regrets regarding the decision to change the furniture in the offices of Members***

*and their assistants in Brussels; notes that most of the furniture is perfectly serviceable and presentable, and that there is therefore absolutely no need to change it; reconsiders that feedback from a number of Members – as opposed to a general survey – is not, on its own, sufficient justification for the change, 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 desks or chairs);*

Or. en

**Amendment 110**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 59**

*Motion for a resolution*

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*Amendment*

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**Amendment 111**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea, Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 59**

*Motion for a resolution*

59. *Notes* that in 2017, EUR 75 000 were committed to the pilot installation of innovative furnishing and office equipment models for Members; *notes also* that the refurbishment of Members' offices and corridors in the Louise Weiss building, which was the only Parliament's building undergoing works in 2016 and 2017, totalled **EUR 1 157 975 (compared to EUR 840 260 in 2016)**;

*Amendment*

59. *Deplores the fact* that in 2017, EUR 75 000 were committed to the pilot installation of innovative furnishing and office equipment models for Members; *deplores, further, the fact* that the refurbishment of Members' offices and corridors in the Louise Weiss building, which was the only Parliament's building undergoing works in 2016 and 2017, totalled **no less than EUR 1 157 975, a substantial increase over the previous year (EUR 840 260 in 2016)**;

Or. it

**Amendment 112**

**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 59 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

**59a. Stresses how important it is for any change in the furniture of Members' offices to be duly justified and explained to Members, who must be free to accept or refuse such changes;**

Or. es

**Amendment 113**

**Dennis de Jong**



**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 59 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**59a.** *Expresses its deep concerns regarding the costs involved in the Jean Monnet House and the proposed additional accommodation that will be used as facility for Away Days for the European Parliament, and questions the need to have such a facility at yet another prime location in Paris; regrets the future use of another building, the House of the artist Wiertz, by the European Parliament, especially since there seems to be no objective need for acquiring this building;*

Or. en

**Amendment 114**  
**Claudia Schmidt**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 59 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**59a.** *Acknowledges the European Court of Auditors' findings regarding building management of the Union institutions and notes that European Parliament uses 55% for office space and 45% for meetings rooms and other uses; notes that European Parliament owns 84% of its buildings and underlines that this percentage will increase when the KAD building in Luxemburg is completed;*

Or. en

**Amendment 115**  
**Claudia Schmidt**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 59 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**59b.** *Is strongly concerned by the fact, that the KAD II building delivery date was initially due to be 2013 but the current estimate for the East construction site is end of 2019 and for the West construction site it is 2022; stresses that the lack of experience as a developer and an unsuccessful first tender for construction works lead to this significant delay; is dismayed that the subsequent increased renting necessity lead to additional costs of EUR 14.4million per year or EUR 86 million over the six-year period;*

Or. en

**Amendment 116  
Claudia Schmidt**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 59 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**59c.** *Notes that the original estimated budget of EUR 317,5 million was revised in 2009 to EUR 363 million; is highly concerned that the project is not yet finished and the final price therefore unknown, even though Parliament intends to keep the costs within the current budget of EUR 432 million;*

Or. en

**Amendment 117  
Claudia Schmidt**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 59 d (new)**

**59d.** *Expresses concern over the 8 % increase in the price index for construction work between 2012 and 2017, which could lead to further increasing construction costs;*

Or. en

**Amendment 118**

**Benedek Jávor**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 60**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

60. Supports the effort to bring the drivers' service in-house and the progress achieved so far; notes that the procedure for bringing the drivers' service in-house allowed for a qualitative and quantitative increase of the services provided to Members, as well as for an effective and efficient response to unforeseeable emergency situations or sudden increases in demand; acknowledges the implementation of the "E-mobility" Road Map with a view to the diversification, greening and electrification of the fleet; recalls *the 2016 discharge resolution voted in April 2018, which states that the Bureau should not limit itself to electric cars as a more environmentally-friendly solution since there are concerns regarding their production (including the sufficient availability of the necessary resources) and the disposal of batteries at the end of their life-cycle; still regrets that Members were not informed of an analysis regarding alternative fuels such as bio fuels, synthetic fuels or hydrogen fuel cells; underlines that diversification of an environmentally friendly car-fleet would lessen dependence on one supplier*

60. Supports the effort to bring the drivers' service in-house and the progress achieved so far; notes that the procedure for bringing the drivers' service in-house allowed for a qualitative and quantitative increase of the services provided to Members, as well as for an effective and efficient response to unforeseeable emergency situations or sudden increases in demand; acknowledges the implementation of the "E-mobility" Road Map with a view to the diversification, greening and electrification of the fleet; ; recalls that *a direct train link now exists between the European Parliament in Brussels and the main airport and railway stations, which Members may use free of charge.*

*and could counteract possible future supply shortages;*

Or. en

**Amendment 119**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 61**

*Motion for a resolution*

61. Is concerned that the cost/benefit assessment of prices and quality of the food in Parliament's self-service canteen remains unbalanced; is disappointed at the difference in quality between canteens serviced by one and the same service provider; is of the opinion that this aspect needs closer monitoring and therefore calls for a user satisfaction survey to be launched;

*Amendment*

61. Is concerned that the cost/benefit assessment of prices and quality of the food in Parliament's self-service canteen remains unbalanced; is disappointed at the difference in quality between canteens serviced by one and the same service provider; is of the opinion that this aspect needs closer monitoring and therefore calls for a user satisfaction survey to be launched; *welcomes the fact that the catering services in Strasbourg have already started to provide food suitable for gluten-intolerant staff, calls for the range of such options to be expanded and adopted as soon as possible by the caterers in the other places of work;*

Or. es

**Amendment 120**  
**Benedek Jávor, Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 61**

*Motion for a resolution*

61. Is concerned *that the cost/benefit assessment of prices and quality of the food in Parliament's self-service canteen remains unbalanced; is disappointed at*

*Amendment*

61. Is concerned *by the high quantity of single use plastics and plastic waste generated by European Parliament canteens and cafeterias and urges the*

the difference in quality between canteens serviced by one and the same service provider; is of the opinion that this aspect needs closer monitoring and therefore calls for a user satisfaction survey to be launched;

***administration to explicitly remove the possibility to offer plastic wrapped and single use plastic products for the upcoming call for tenders on catering; notes*** the difference in quality between canteens serviced by one and the same service provider; is of the opinion that this aspect needs closer monitoring and therefore calls for a user satisfaction survey to be launched;

Or. en

**Amendment 121**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 61 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***61a. Expresses concern at the impact of diversification in the catering sector on the continued employment of Parliament's current catering staff; calls for appropriate measures to be taken to ensure that Parliament's current catering staff keep their jobs;***

Or. es

**Amendment 122**  
**Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 61 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***61b. 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 and EUR 0.90 in Strasbourg; considers, however, that, taking into account their average pay***

*levels and the high prices charged over the last three years, these discounts are not sufficient to have even a minimal impact on their finances; reiterates once more its call on the Secretary-General to grant price reductions in line with their earnings;*

Or. es

**Amendment 123**  
**Gilles Pargneaux**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 63**

*Motion for a resolution*

63. Notes that the overall average number of hours per week that staff interpreters spent delivering interpretation services in their booth increased to 14 in 2017; *welcomes* this increase when compared to 13 hours and 25 minutes spent delivering interpretation services in the booth in 2016; *regrets that the change in working patterns, that started with the new Staff Regulation, culminated in a strike that provoked disturbances in the provision of interpretation to Members; commends the work to maintain core interpretation services in order to keep legislative work running;*

*Amendment*

63. Notes that the overall average number of hours per week that staff interpreters spent delivering interpretation services in their booth increased to 14 in 2017; *takes note of* this increase when compared to 13 hours and 25 minutes spent delivering interpretation services in the booth in 2016;

Or. fr

**Amendment 124**  
**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 63**

*Motion for a resolution*

63. Notes that the overall average

*Amendment*

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number of hours per week that staff interpreters spent delivering interpretation services in their booth increased to 14 in 2017; welcomes this increase when compared to 13 hours and 25 minutes spent delivering interpretation services in the booth in 2016; *regrets* that the change in working patterns, that started with the new Staff Regulation, culminated in a strike that provoked disturbances in the provision of interpretation to Members; commends the work to maintain core interpretation services in order to keep legislative work running;

number of hours per week that staff interpreters spent delivering interpretation services in their booth increased to 14 in 2017; welcomes this increase when compared to 13 hours and 25 minutes spent delivering interpretation services in the booth in 2016; *understands the fact* that the change in working patterns, that started with the new Staff Regulation, culminated in a strike that provoked disturbances in the provision of interpretation to Members; commends the work to maintain core interpretation services in order to keep legislative work running;

Or. en

**Amendment 125**  
**Gilles Pargneaux**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 64**

*Motion for a resolution*

**64. Strongly condemns the escalation of tensions, which culminated in a 45-minute interruption of plenary work in Strasbourg and no noticeable efforts for de-escalation; welcomes the agreement that was initiated by the Secretary-General and which lead to the re-establishment of regular interpretation activity;**

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. fr

**Amendment 126**  
**Benedek Jávor**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 64**

*Motion for a resolution*

64. Strongly condemns the escalation of tensions, ***which culminated in a 45-minute interruption of plenary work in Strasburg and no*** noticeable efforts for de-escalation; welcomes the agreement ***that was initiated by the Secretary-General and*** which lead to the re-establishment of regular interpretation activity;

*Amendment*

64. Strongly condemns the escalation of tensions ***and the lack of*** noticeable efforts for de-escalation ***from the Secretary-General***; welcomes the agreement which lead to the re-establishment of regular interpretation activity;

Or. en

**Amendment 127**  
**Gilles Pargneaux**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 67**

*Motion for a resolution*

67. Notes that the new Parliament's travel service will start operating on 1 January 2019; welcomes the fact that the new contract contains strengthened conditions, in particular with regard to ticket pricing and the availability of the travel service's call centre at all times, including at weekends; stresses again the importance of a simple and user-friendly complaints mechanism to quickly highlight shortfalls, which allows for speedy resolution of any problems; emphasises that attention needs to be paid to the specific requirements of Members and their need for tailor-made services; ***is doubtful that services will significantly improve since former BCD staff will be taken on by the new travel service***;

*Amendment*

67. Notes that the new Parliament's travel service will start operating on 1 January 2019; welcomes the fact that the new contract contains strengthened conditions, in particular with regard to ticket pricing and the availability of the travel service's call centre at all times, including at weekends; stresses again the importance of a simple and user-friendly complaints mechanism to quickly highlight shortfalls, which allows for speedy resolution of any problems; emphasises that attention needs to be paid to the specific requirements of Members and their need for tailor-made services;

Or. fr

**Amendment 128**  
**Ingeborg Gräßle**



**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 67**

*Motion for a resolution*

67. Notes that the new Parliament's travel service will start operating on 1 January 2019; welcomes the fact that the new contract contains strengthened conditions, in particular with regard to ticket pricing and the availability of the travel service's call centre at all times, including at weekends; stresses again the importance of a simple and user-friendly complaints mechanism to quickly highlight shortfalls, which allows for speedy resolution of any problems; emphasises that attention needs to be paid to the specific requirements of Members and their need for tailor-made services; is doubtful that services will significantly improve ***since former BCD staff will be taken on by the new travel service;***

*Amendment*

67. Notes that the new Parliament's travel service will start operating on 1 January 2019; welcomes the fact that the new contract contains strengthened conditions, in particular with regard to ticket pricing and the availability of the travel service's call centre at all times, including at weekends; stresses again the importance of a simple and user-friendly complaints mechanism to quickly highlight shortfalls, which allows for speedy resolution of any problems; emphasises that attention needs to be paid to the specific requirements of Members and their need for tailor-made services; is doubtful that services will significantly improve;

Or. en

**Amendment 129**

**Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 67**

*Motion for a resolution*

67. Notes that the new Parliament's travel service will start operating on 1 January 2019; welcomes the fact that the new contract contains strengthened conditions, in particular with regard to ticket pricing and the availability of the travel service's call centre at all times, including at weekends; stresses again the importance of a simple and user-friendly complaints mechanism to quickly highlight shortfalls, which allows for speedy resolution of any problems; emphasises that attention needs to be paid to the

*Amendment*

67. Notes that the new Parliament's travel service, ***which had already worked with the Parliament,*** will start operating on 1 January 2019; welcomes the fact that the new contract contains strengthened conditions, in particular with regard to ticket pricing and the availability of the travel service's call centre at all times, including at weekends; stresses again the importance of a simple and user-friendly complaints mechanism to quickly highlight shortfalls, which allows for speedy resolution of any problems; emphasises

specific requirements of Members and their need for tailor-made services; is doubtful that services will significantly improve since former BCD staff will be taken on by the new travel service;

that attention needs to be paid to the specific requirements of Members and their need for tailor-made services; is doubtful that services will significantly improve since former BCD staff will be taken on by the new travel service;

Or. en

### **Amendment 130**

**Petri Sarvamaa, Tomáš Zdechovský, Brian Hayes, Andrey Novakov, José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra**

#### **Motion for a resolution Paragraph 67**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

67. Notes that the new Parliament's travel service will start operating on 1 January 2019; welcomes the fact that the new contract contains strengthened conditions, in particular with regard to ticket pricing and the availability of the travel service's call centre at all times, including at weekends; stresses again the importance of a simple and user-friendly complaints mechanism to quickly highlight shortfalls, which allows for speedy resolution of any problems; emphasises that attention needs to be paid to the specific requirements of Members and their need for tailor-made services; is *doubtful* that services will *significantly* improve *since former BCD staff will be taken on by* the new *travel service*;

##### *Amendment*

67. Notes that the new Parliament's travel service will start operating on 1 January 2019; welcomes the fact that the new contract contains strengthened conditions, in particular with regard to ticket pricing and the availability of the travel service's call centre at all times, including at weekends; stresses again the importance of a simple and user-friendly complaints mechanism to quickly highlight shortfalls, which allows for speedy resolution of any problems; emphasises that attention needs to be paid to the specific requirements of Members and their need for tailor-made services; is *optimistic* that services will improve *under* the new *leadership*;

Or. en

### **Amendment 131**

**Ryszard Czarnecki, Raffaele Fitto, Beata Gosiewska, Richard Sulík**

#### **Motion for a resolution Paragraph 67 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**67a. Encourages the new travel agency to strive to achieve the most competitive prices for the European Parliament's work-related travels;**

Or. en

**Amendment 132  
Gilles Pargneaux**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 67 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**67a. Calls for the simplification of recruitment procedures and reimbursements for missions and travel costs for local assistants; regrets that these processes are often complex and lengthy and result in significant delays; calls on DG FINS to address this issue as a priority;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 133  
Gilles Pargneaux**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 67 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**67b. Notes that the paying agents with whom Members are required to work in their countries of election are not sufficiently aware of Parliament's internal procedures; points out that the complexity of these rules often leads them to make mistakes which are detrimental to Members; considers that paying agents should be provided with training or a**

*handbook;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 134**

**Benedek Jávor**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Dennis de Jong, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Subheading 12 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***General Expenditure Allowance (GEA)***

Or. en

**Amendment 135**

**Benedek Jávor**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Dennis de Jong, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 68**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**68. *Takes note of the Bureau's decision with regard to the General Expenditure Allowance to apply the agreed modifications only after the 2019 elections;***

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 136**

**Dennis de Jong, Benedek Jávor, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 68**

*Motion for a resolution*

68. Takes note of the Bureau's decision with regard to the General Expenditure Allowance to apply the agreed modifications only after the 2019 elections;

*Amendment*

68. Takes note of the Bureau's decision with regard to the General Expenditure Allowance to apply the agreed modifications only after the 2019 elections; ***takes note of the activities of the Bureau in relation to the General Expenditure Allowance, in particular by creating an ad hoc working group for defining and publishing the rules concerning the use of this allowance; regrets, however, that the only decision taken by the Bureau relates to a non-exhaustive list of eligible expenses which will, moreover, only apply to the newly elected Members after the 2019 elections;***

Or. en

**Amendment 137**

**Benedek Jávor**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Dennis de Jong, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 68**

*Motion for a resolution*

68. Takes note of the ***Bureau's decision with regard*** to the General Expenditure Allowance ***to apply the agreed modifications only*** after the 2019 elections;

*Amendment*

68. Takes note of the ***activities of the Bureau in relation*** to the General Expenditure Allowance, ***in particular by creating an ad hoc working group for defining and publishing the rules concerning the use of this allowance; regrets, however, that the only decision taken by the Bureau relates to a non-exhaustive list of eligible expenses which will, moreover, only apply to the newly elected Members*** after the 2019 elections;

Or. en

**Amendment 138**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea, Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 68**

*Motion for a resolution*

68. Takes note of the Bureau's decision with regard to the General Expenditure Allowance to apply the agreed modifications only after the 2019 elections;

*Amendment*

68. Takes note of the Bureau's decision with regard to the General Expenditure Allowance to apply the agreed modifications only after the 2019 elections; ***calls for Members to be fully accountable for their spending under this allowance;***

Or. it

**Amendment 139**

**Dennis de Jong, Benedek Jávor, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 68 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***68a. Furthermore, regrets that the Bureau did not implement the additional proposals that were adopted by the plenary in its resolution on the Discharge 2016 (P8\_TA(2018)0124), and its resolution on the General budget of the EU for 2019 (P8\_TA(2018)0404), namely:***

- the need to define, expand and publish the rules concerning the use of the GEA (which requires, inter alia, an exhaustive list of eligible expenses);***
- that all receipts pertaining to the GEA be kept by Members;***
- that the unspent share of the GEA be returned at the end of a Member's mandate;***

Or. en

**Amendment 140  
Benedek Jávor**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group  
**Dennis de Jong, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 68 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**68a.** *Furthermore, regrets that the Bureau did not implement the additional proposals that were adopted by the plenary in its resolution on the Discharge 2016<sup>1a</sup>, and its resolution on the General budget of the EU for 2019<sup>1b</sup>, namely:*

- the need to define, expand and publish the rules concerning the use of the GEA (which requires, inter alia, an exhaustive list of eligible expenses);*
- that all receipts pertaining to the GEA be kept by Members*
- that the unspent share of the GEA be returned at the end of a Member's mandate;*

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<sup>1a</sup> P8\_TA(2018)0124

<sup>1b</sup> P8\_TA(2018)0404

Or. en

**Amendment 141**  
**Benedek Jávor**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group  
**Dennis de Jong, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 68 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**68 b.** *Calls in addition on the Bureau to make the following, additional changes concerning the GEA on top of those already adopted by the plenary:*

- A 5% sample checks of the GEA spending by the European Parliament's internal auditing; the final*

*results and the findings should be part of the annual internal audit report published by the European Parliament ;*

– *The need for Members to publish, on an annual basis, an overview of their expenditures by category (communication costs, office rental, office supplies ...);*

– *The admission of an independent auditor in charge of the annual check of the accounts and the publication of an auditor's opinion;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 142**

**Dennis de Jong, Benedek Jávor, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 68 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**68b. Calls in addition on the Bureau to make the following, additional changes concerning the GEA on top of those already adopted by the plenary:**

– **A 5% sample checks of the GEA spending by the European Parliament's internal auditing; the final results and the findings should be part of the annual internal audit report published by the European Parliament;**

– **The need for Members to publish, on an annual basis, an overview of their expenditures by category (communication costs, office rental, office supplies ...);**

– **The admission of an independent auditor in charge of the annual check of the accounts and the publication of an auditor's opinion;**

Or. en

#### **Amendment 143**



**Benedek Jávor**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 68 e (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**68e.** *Calls furthermore on the Bureau to make the following and additional changes concerning the general expenditure allowance on top of those already voted by the Plenary:*

- A 5% sample checks of the general expenditure allowance spending should be introduced by the European Parliament's internal auditing; the final results and the findings should be part of the annual report published by the European Parliament;*
- The MEPs should publish, on an annual basis, an overview of their expenditures by category (communication costs, office rental, office supplies...);*
- the admission of an independent auditor in charge of the annual check of the accounts and the publication of an auditor's opinion;*

Or. en

**Amendment 144**  
**Benedek Jávor**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group  
**Dennis de Jong, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 68 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**68c.** *Urges the Bureau to implement the democratic will of the plenary concerning the GEA as soon as possible; furthermore, urges the Bureau to immediately reconvene the working group in order to*

*reform the GEA by developing new rules for greater transparency and financial accountability;*

Or. en

**Amendment 145**  
**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 68 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**68c. Urges the Bureau to implement the democratic will of the plenary concerning the GEA as soon as possible; furthermore, urges the Bureau to immediately reconvene the working group in order to reform the GEA by developing new rules for greater transparency and financial accountability;**

Or. en

**Amendment 146**  
**Benedek Jávor**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 68 d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**68d. Regrets, however, that the based on those clear and democratic votes the working group of the Bureau could only agree on a non-exhaustive list of eligible expenses, and on the need for each Member of Parliament to have a separate bank account dedicated to funds received as part of the GEA;**

Or. en

**Amendment 147**

**Benedek Jávor**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 68 f (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**68f. Recalls Article 62 of the Decision of the Bureau of 19 May and 9 July 2008 and the Decision of the Bureau of 5 July and 18 October concerning implementing measures for the Statute for Members of the European Parliament, which stipulates that "the sums paid", including the General Expenditure Allowance, "shall be reserved exclusively for the funding of activities linked to the exercise of a Member's mandate and may not be used to cover personal expenses or to fund grants or donations of a political nature" and that "Members shall pay back any unused amounts to Parliament"; calls upon the Secretary-General and the Bureau of the European Parliament to ensure that those provisions are fully implemented and complied with;**

Or. en

**Amendment 148**

**Benedek Jávor**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 68 g (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**68g. Is of the opinion that the European Parliament should revise both the Statute for Members of the European Parliament (2005/684/EC) and the implementing measures for the Statute for**

*Members of the European Parliament  
(2009/C 159/01) in order to make the  
statute of the Members fairer, more  
transparent and less costly while  
respecting the freedom and independence  
of Members and preserving the capacity  
of the Members to carry on their duty as  
parliamentarians;*

Or. en

**Amendment 149**

**Benedek Jávor, Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 68 h (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**68h.** *Recalls that on 23 October 1997, in its resolution on the general budget for 1998, Parliament called upon its Bureau to request the Court of Auditors to investigate Parliament's voluntary pension scheme, which led to the issuance of the Court of Auditor's opinion No 5/99 dated 16 June 1999 on the "Pension Fund and Scheme for Members of the European Parliament"; calls now on the Bureau to gently request the Court of Auditors to produce another such opinion on the pension scheme and fund in 2019;*

Or. en

**Amendment 150**

**Benedek Jávor, Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 68 i (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**68i. Recalls that, in a note to the Bureau dated 8 March 2018, its Secretary-General accepted that the pension fund linked to the Members' voluntary pension scheme "will exhaust its capital well before the end of the pension obligations and possibly already by 2024"; calls therefore upon the Secretary-General and the Bureau, while respecting fully the Statute for Members, to urgently establish with the pension fund a clear plan for the Parliament assuming and taking over its obligations and responsibilities for its Member's voluntary pension scheme immediately after the 2019 elections;**

Or. en

**Amendment 151**  
**Wim van de Camp**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 69**

*Motion for a resolution*

69. Notes that the voluntary pension scheme has an estimated actuarial deficit of EUR 305,4 million at the end of 2017; further notes that at the end of 2017, the amount of net assets to be taken into account and the actuarial commitment amount to EUR 137 million and EUR 442,4 million respectively;

*Amendment*

69. Notes that the voluntary pension scheme has an estimated actuarial deficit of EUR 305,4 million at the end of 2017; further notes that at the end of 2017, the amount of net assets to be taken into account and the actuarial commitment amount to EUR 137 million and EUR 442,4 million respectively; ***as such notes that the assets barely cover 30% of the commitments of the voluntary pension scheme;***

Or. en

**Amendment 152**  
**Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution**

## Paragraph 70

### *Motion for a resolution*

70. Recalls that these projected future liabilities are spread over several decades but notes that the total amount paid in 2017 by the voluntary pension fund amounts to EUR 17,2 million;

### *Amendment*

70. Recalls that these projected future liabilities are spread over several decades but notes that the total amount paid in 2017 by the voluntary pension fund amounts to EUR 17,2 million; ***notes that at the end of 2017 the Fund had 661 pensioners and 99 dependants;***

Or. en

## Amendment 153 Wim van de Camp

### Motion for a resolution Paragraph 70

#### *Motion for a resolution*

70. Recalls that these projected future liabilities ***are spread over several decades but*** notes that the total amount paid in 2017 by the voluntary pension fund amounts to EUR 17,2 million;

#### *Amendment*

70. Recalls that these projected future liabilities ***exceed the assets currently available and*** notes that the total amount paid in 2017 by the voluntary pension fund amounts to EUR 17,2 million;

Or. en

## Amendment 154 Ingeborg Gräßle

### Motion for a resolution Paragraph 71

#### *Motion for a resolution*

71. Points out that this raises concerns about the possible exhaustion of the fund ***and that Parliament is guaranteeing the payment of pension rights when and if this fund is not able*** to meet its obligations;

#### *Amendment*

71. Points out that this raises concerns about the possible exhaustion of the fund ***as the fund has been selling fixed assets for several years in order*** to meet its ***payment*** obligations ***to pensioners because the fund's income is not sufficient to cover the increased pension payments;*** ***recalls that the provision for pensions and***

*similar obligations has been calculated based on a return of investment of 6,5% per year, which was from the beginning not sustainable;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 155**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea, Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 71**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

71. *Points out that this raises concerns about the possible exhaustion of the fund and that Parliament is guaranteeing the payment of pension rights when and if this fund is not able to meet its obligations;*

###### *Amendment*

71. *Notes the possible exhaustion of the fund, and calls on Parliament not to pay pension rights when and if this fund is unable to meet its obligations; emphasises the importance of finding a solution which does not impose a further financial burden on European taxpayers;*

Or. it

#### **Amendment 156**

**Wim van de Camp**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 71**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

71. Points out that this raises concerns about the *possible* exhaustion of the fund and that Parliament is guaranteeing the payment of pension rights when and if this fund is not able to meet its obligations;

###### *Amendment*

71. Points out that this raises concerns about the *likely early* exhaustion of the fund and that Parliament is guaranteeing the payment of pension rights when and if this fund is not able to meet its obligations;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 157**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea, Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 71 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**71a. Takes the view that Decision 2005/684/EC on the Statute for Members needs to be revised, in order to amend Article 14 and bring the pension entitlements of Members of the European Parliament into line with the social security systems for ordinary citizens of individual Member States, as regards both the calculation of the amount and the age- and contribution-related requirements which entitle them to a pension; calls, further, for a recalculation of the pensions paid out from the EU budget to former Members who accrued such an entitlement prior to, and following, the entry into force of the current Statute for Members;**

Or. it

**Amendment 158**  
**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 71 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**71a. Welcomes the proposals of the Secretary-General in this context, including the agreement that the Secretary-General will re-examine the situation in 2020 to see whether the measures have sufficiently brought back the actuarial deficit; welcomes the fact that the Secretary-General has consulted the Legal Service;**

Or. en



**Amendment 159**  
**Claudia Schmidt**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 72**

*Motion for a resolution*

72. ***Calls on*** the Secretary-General ***to ensure that a decision is taken by*** the Bureau ***without delay in order to improve the sustainability*** of the fund;

*Amendment*

72. ***Notes that, following a proposal by*** the Secretary-General ***on 10 December 2018,*** the Bureau ***adopted two modifications to the rules governing the voluntary pension scheme endorsing the increase of the retirement age from 63 to 65 and the introduction of a levy of 5% to pension payments for future pensioners;***

Or. en

**Amendment 160**  
**Ingeborg Gräble**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 72**

*Motion for a resolution*

72. Calls on the Secretary-General to ensure that ***a decision is*** taken by the Bureau without delay in order to improve the sustainability of the fund;

*Amendment*

72. ***Welcomes the modifications to the rules adopted by the Bureau on the 10th of December 2018;*** calls on the Secretary-General to ensure that ***all legally possible measures are*** taken by the Bureau without delay in order to improve the sustainability of the fund ***to prevent the fund's early insolvency;***

Or. en

**Amendment 161**  
**Wim van de Camp**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 72**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

72. Calls on the Secretary-General to ensure that a decision is taken by the Bureau *without delay in order to improve the sustainability* of the fund;

72. Calls on the Secretary-General to ensure that a decision is taken by the Bureau *before the end of the current mandate to ensure that neither the European tax payer nor the European Parliament will have to cover the deficits of the voluntary pension scheme;*

Or. en

**Amendment 162**  
**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 72**

*Motion for a resolution*

72. Calls on the Secretary-General to ensure that a decision is taken by the Bureau without delay in order to improve the sustainability of the fund;

*Amendment*

72. Calls on the Secretary-General to ensure that a decision is taken by the Bureau without delay in order to improve the sustainability of the fund *to prevent the fund's early insolvency;*

Or. en

**Amendment 163**  
**Derek Vaughan, Gilles Pargneaux, Inés Ayala Sender**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 72**

*Motion for a resolution*

72. *Calls on* the Secretary-General *to ensure that a decision is taken by the Bureau without delay in order* to improve the sustainability of the fund;

*Amendment*

72. *Notes that some proposals from* the Secretary-General to improve the sustainability of the Fund *were adopted by the Bureau on 10th December 2018;*

Or. en

**Amendment 164**  
**Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Dennis de Jong, Benedek Jávor**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 72 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**72a. Calls on the Secretary-General to investigate the legal foundations and potential ramifications of the Voluntary Pension Fund and in particular, whether the European Parliament as guarantor is legally and financially sustainable, as the Voluntary Pension Fund is a Luxembourg investment fund, rather than a regular pension fund; underlines that this investigation should be carried out by an independent party;**

Or. en

**Amendment 165**  
**Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 73**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

73. Calls on the Secretary-General, as well as the Bureau, to exhaust all possible avenues to keep Parliament's liability to a minimum, as taxpayers' money is involved; recalls that the fund was set up in 1990 to provide Members with **a** pension scheme **because one had previously been lacking; underlines that this is no longer the case and** that the Voluntary Pension Fund **constitutes a** supplementary pension;

73. Calls on the Secretary-General, as well as the Bureau, to exhaust all possible avenues to keep Parliament's liability to a minimum, as taxpayers' money is involved; recalls that the fund was set up in 1990 to provide Members with **an additional** pension scheme **on a voluntary basis; recalls that before the Members statute, which was introduced in 2009, Members were already eligible for a pension equivalent to those of their colleagues in the national parliaments, with the exception of Italian, French and Luxembourgish MEPs, who could therefore contribute to a special pension scheme of the European Parliament, which was created in 1981 solely for the needs of the aforementioned three nationalities; recalls therefore** that the

Voluntary Pension Fund *has always constituted a purely* supplementary pension; *points out that two thirds of the Members' monthly contribution to the voluntary pension fund, which corresponded to EUR 2 236 in 2006, were already paid from the European Parliament's budget for each member of the Fund; recalls that only two years of contribution to the Fund generates a lifetime pension claim when having reached the retirement age; notes that the highest pension paid in 2018 from the voluntary pension fund amounted to EUR 6 262, and that the average pension amounted to EUR 1 934; notes that currently (October 2018) 71 active Members are members of the Voluntary Pension Fund; appeals on the ethical and economic conscience and the common sense of the board of directors, the Bureau and the members of the Fund to support all measures aiming at limiting the deficit of the Fund;*

Or. en

**Amendment 166**  
**Wim van de Camp**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 73**

*Motion for a resolution*

73. Calls on the Secretary-General, as well as the Bureau, to exhaust all possible avenues to ***keep Parliament's liability to a minimum, as*** taxpayers' money ***is involved***; recalls that the fund was set up in 1990 to provide Members with a pension scheme because one had previously been lacking; underlines that this is no longer the case and that the Voluntary Pension Fund constitutes a supplementary pension;

*Amendment*

73. Calls on the Secretary-General, as well as the Bureau, to exhaust all possible avenues to ***ensure that no*** taxpayers' money, ***nor any budget of the European Parliament, is used to cover the liabilities of the voluntary pension scheme, included but not limited to raising the retirement age and cutting the pension benefits of the participants***; recalls that the fund was set up in 1990 to provide Members with a pension scheme because one had previously been lacking; underlines that

this is no longer the case and that the Voluntary Pension Fund constitutes a supplementary pension;

Or. en

**Amendment 167**

**Benedek Jávor, Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Subheading 13 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Protection of whistleblowers***

Or. en

**Amendment 168**

**Benedek Jávor**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 73 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***73a. Recognises that whistleblowing is crucial in preventing and deterring unlawful activities and wrongdoing; notes there were no parliamentary whistleblower cases in 2017 and of the three in 2016, all were accredited parliamentary assistants and were dismissed by their respective Members; emphasizes the vulnerable position accredited parliamentary assistants and interns employed by Members hold in respect to internal whistleblower protection rules; notes with great concern the Secretary-General's acknowledgement that "whistleblowing rules are applicable to accredited parliamentary assistants but the Parliament cannot provide***

*employment protection”; urges the Secretary-General to address this situation and fulfil the European Parliament’s legal obligation under Staff Regulation to protect whistleblowers for all Union staff classifications; urges the Secretary-General to apply comparable remedies to accredited parliamentary assistant whistleblowers to those accredited parliamentary assistants who are victims of harassment, such as post transfer and salary payment until the end of their contract;*

Or. en

**Amendment 169**

**Benedek Jávor**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Subheading 13 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Code of conduct for Members,  
transparency and Ethics*

Or. en

**Amendment 170**

**Benedek Jávor, Indrek Tarand**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 73 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*73a. Repeatedly raises its concerns about the current code of conduct for Members since it does not offer sufficient safeguards in order to avoid conflicts of interests; strongly believes that Article 3 of the Code of Conduct for Members*

*should be rephrased to include a clear ban on Members holding additional jobs or other paid work; rules should be further improved in order to avoid conflict of interest for former Members engaging in lobbying activities directed towards the European institutions during the period of time receiving transition allowance;*

Or. en

**Amendment 171**

**Benedek Jávor, Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 73 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*73b. Notes the Commission's proposal of 23 April 2017 on Protection of persons reporting on breaches of Union law; supports the Parliament's corresponding report adopted in the Legal Affairs committee on 20 November 2018; laments that Union staff are not part of the material scope of the proposed directive; recognises that protections in the Legal Affairs committee report would afford more protections than in the Parliaments' own internal rules; urges the Secretary-General to bring these internal rules into line with the parliament's position on the proposed Directive;*

Or. en

**Amendment 172**

**Benedek Jávor**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 73 d (new)**

**73d.** *Deplores the breakdown of the inter-institutional negotiations on the reform of the EU Transparency Register and regrets that it is the European Parliament that is being blamed for the stalling of the negotiations given its refusal to introduce the obligation on rapporteurs, shadow rapporteurs and committee chairs to publish information about their meetings with lobbyists; calls for a reform of the Staff Regulations so that political group staff are covered by lobbying transparency obligations; and reiterates its call on the bureau of the Parliament to enable a space on the European Parliament website for Members to publish their schedules meetings with lobbyists should they chose to do so;*

Or. en

**Amendment 173**

**Benedek Jávor, Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 73 e (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**73e.** *Highlights that transparency and freedom of information are enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights which establishes the right to access documents held by the European institutions and calls for an external review of the Parliament's transparency levels using key open government indicators with a view to increasing the already high standards of transparency; recalls that the reform of Regulation 1049/2001 is long overdue; and calls on the European Parliament administration to regularly publish – in an open source, machine-*



*readable format, the results of committee and plenary votes;*

Or. en

**Amendment 174**

**Benedek Jávor, Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 73 f (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**73f. Calls for a reform of the Parliament's ethics Advisory Committee so that it is empowered to initiate investigations and proactively check the declarations of interest of Members; proposes that it be composed of independent experts and requests an assessment of the costs involved in setting up an independent office for ethics and integrity;**

Or. en

**Amendment 175**

**Gilles Pargneaux**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 77**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

77. Calls on all relevant DGs to work towards and achieve paperless office by having recourse to all digital services such as e-signature and two-step verifications; underlines that e-forms **only** save time and resources when they don't have to be printed, signed and sent to another office or even country, as is the case with mission reimbursement forms;

77. Calls on all relevant DGs to work towards and achieve paperless office by having recourse to all digital services such as e-signature and two-step verifications; underlines that e-forms save time and resources when they don't have to be printed, signed and sent to another office or even country, as is the case with mission reimbursement forms;

**Amendment 176**

**Benedek Jávor, Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 77 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**77a. Underlines the costs, emissions and health and safety issues created by Strasbourg transport boxes (“canteens”) and suggests their immediate removal in view of available IT solutions such as print-on-demand, system approaches such as paperless office and IT equipment such as tablets and laptops;**

Or. en

**Amendment 177**  
**Gilles Pargneaux**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 78 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**78a. Calls on the Bureau, in cooperation with the Directorate-General for Innovation and Technological Support (DG ITEC), to come up with risk mitigating measures to ensure the smooth running of parliamentary work in the case of system damages or blackouts; underlines the importance of a list of priority services to determine the order in which services must be restored as quickly as possible so that a skeleton service is still functioning in the case of a cyber-attack; calls on the Bureau to draw up a contingency plan for lengthy system blackouts; recommends that data centres diversify the sites on which their servers**

*are located to enhance the security and continuity of Parliament's IT systems;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 178**  
**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 78 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**78a. Reiterates the call for the creation of an emergency rapid alert system which allows DG ITEC, in collaboration with the Directorate-General for Security and Safety (DG SAFE), to send swift communications by SMS to Members and staff that agree to their contact details being included on a communication list for use in specific emergency situations;**

Or. en

**Amendment 179**  
**Gilles Pargneaux**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 78 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**78b. Reiterates the call set out in its discharge resolutions for the financial years 2014, 2015 and 2016 for the creation of an emergency rapid alert system to allow DG ITEC, in collaboration with DG SAFE, to send swift communications by SMS or e-mail to Members and staff who agree to their contact details being included on a communication list for use in specific emergency situations;**

**Amendment 180****José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 79***Motion for a resolution*

79. Welcomes the significant progress made in 2017 to strengthen the Parliament's security and safety; notes that perimeters around Strasbourg and Brussels buildings were set up, that security vetting by the Belgian authorities of all employees of outside firms working at the Parliament is in place, and that an interinstitutional project for a common warehouse has been launched with the Council and the Commission; welcomes the initiative of a common warehouse to allow for adequate security scans and screenings of items before they reach Parliament's premises;

*Amendment*

79. Welcomes the significant progress made in 2017 to strengthen the Parliament's security and safety; notes that perimeters around Strasbourg and Brussels buildings were set up, that security vetting by the Belgian authorities of all employees of outside firms working at the Parliament is in place, and that an interinstitutional project for a common warehouse has been launched with the Council and the Commission; welcomes the initiative of a common warehouse to allow for adequate security scans and screenings of items before they reach Parliament's premises; ***notes, however, the lack of communication in emergency situations such as that which took place in the Strasbourg Chamber in December 2018 and concludes that the procedures can and must be improved; calls for the existing safety rules to be applied to the letter in emergency situations in order to prevent such uncertainty in the event of future emergencies;***

**Amendment 181****Dennis de Jong****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 81 a (new)***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

**81a. Calls on DG SAFE's security staff, in the case of evacuations, to carefully check the entire building for which they are responsible, to ensure that it has been evacuated and provide assistance to persons who are hearing-impaired or who have any other form of disability, when people have to be evacuated; underlines that when it comes to security, emergencies no privileged treatment should be given to Members, nor should any distinction be made between any type of staff of the European Parliament;**

Or. en

**Amendment 182  
Ingeborg Gräßle**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 81 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**81a. Asks for clarification that all staff with a management position in the Directorate-General for Security and Safety have passed a security clearance procedure;**

Or. en

**Amendment 183  
Gilles Pargneaux**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 82**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**82. Welcomes the Parliament's positive contribution to sustainable development through its political role and its role in legislative procedures;**

**deleted**

**Amendment 184**

**Benedek Jávor, Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 82**

*Motion for a resolution*

82. Welcomes the Parliament's positive contribution to sustainable development through its political role and its role in legislative procedures;

*Amendment*

82. Welcomes the Parliament's positive contribution to sustainable development through its political role and its role in legislative procedures; ***is aware of its own environmental impact which the institution tracks and continuously ameliorates through the EMAS Certification and its environmental policy;***

Or. en

**Amendment 185**  
**Gilles Pargneaux**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 82 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***82a. Welcomes, in the context of the energy and climate policy of the Union for 2030 and beyond, additional measures to offset unavoidable emissions; calls on Parliament to develop additional carbon offsetting policies;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 186**

**Benedek Jávor**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 82 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**82a. Underlines the impact of European Parliament staff mobility on local air quality and calls for concrete actions to be implemented ensuring transparency and action towards a positive contribution of the institution during pollution peaks at all sites;**

Or. en

**Amendment 187**

**Benedek Jávor, Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 83**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

83. Commends the Parliament's commitment to green public procurement; notes that in 2017, 40,71 % of the contracts were classified as green, 10,96 % as light green and 48,33 % did not have any environmental dimension;

83. Commends the Parliament's commitment to green public procurement (**GPP**); notes that in 2017, 40,71 % of the contracts were classified as green, 10,96 % as light green and 48,33 % did not have any environmental dimension; **calls for a mandatory consultation of the GPP helpdesk for all calls for tenders and for setting an ambitious target for green contracts to mainstream and fully exploit the potential of GPP in the European Parliament;**

Or. en

**Amendment 188**

**Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 83**

*Motion for a resolution*

83. Commends the Parliament's commitment to green public procurement; notes that in 2017, 40,71 % of the contracts were classified as green, 10,96 % as light green and 48,33 % did not have any environmental dimension;

*Amendment*

83. Commends the Parliament's commitment to green public procurement; notes that in 2017, 40,71 % of the contracts were classified as green, 10,96 % as light green and 48,33 % did not have any environmental dimension; ***encourages the Parliament to further increase the proportion of green public procurement commitments;***

Or. en

**Amendment 189**

**Benedek Jávor, Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 84**

*Motion for a resolution*

84. Welcomes the pilot-project of electric scooters for work-related journeys between the Union institutions' buildings but also for commuting between home and work; notes, however, that the vehicles' performance is lower than expected; encourages the Parliament to make sure the contractor will improve the vehicles' capabilities, particularly the battery;

*Amendment*

84. Welcomes ***the creation of a sustainable mobility working group in the European Parliament and the introduction of first measures such as*** the pilot-project of electric scooters for work-related journeys between the Union institutions' buildings but also for commuting between home and work; notes, however, that the vehicles' performance is lower than expected; encourages the Parliament to make sure the contractor will improve the vehicles' capabilities, particularly the battery;

Or. en

**Amendment 190**

**Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Dennis de Jong, Benedek Jávor**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 84 a (new)**



**84a.** *Welcomes, in the context of the energy and climate policy of the Union for 2030 and beyond, additional measures to decrease the emissions and offset unavoidable emissions in order to become 100 % carbon neutral institution; calls on the Parliament to lead by example and develop further CO2 offsetting policies for the European Parliament's premises;*

Or. en

**Amendment 191**

**Benedek Jávor, Indrek Tarand**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 90**

*Motion for a resolution*

90. Welcomes the fact that the independent external auditor for the political groups issued only unqualified opinions; highlights that this is a positive development in contrast to the *arliament* discharge procedure for the budget year 2016, where the independent external auditor issued a qualified audit opinion in the case of *one political* group;

*Amendment*

90. Welcomes the fact that the independent external auditor for the political groups issued only unqualified opinions; highlights that this is a positive development in contrast to the *Parliament* discharge procedure for the budget year 2016, where the independent external auditor issued a qualified audit opinion in the case of *the ENF group (European of Nations and Freedom)* ;

Or. en

**Amendment 192**

**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 92 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**92a.** *Expresses its concerns about the*

*fact that in seven cases, the Bureau needed to decide to introduce risk mitigation measures in order to safeguard the financial interests of the European Union due to either financial and administrative instability or suspicion of serious irregularities or an ongoing procedure concerning the non-respect of the principles on which the Union is founded;*

Or. en

**Amendment 193**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea, Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 94 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*94a. Calls for all expenditure relating to European political parties and political foundations to be discontinued, and stresses the fact that the latter should become totally reliant on own resources and cease to be financially dependent on Parliament's budget; maintains that only complete reliance on own resources would eliminate the risk to Parliament's budget in connection with the need to recover amounts erroneously or fraudulently spent;*

Or. it

**Amendment 194**

**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 94 – subparagraph 1 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Parliamentary Associations*

**Amendment 195**

**Dennis de Jong**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 94 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**94a. Expresses its concerns regarding Associations that are subsidised by the European Parliament and about the fact that EPA provides Members with discounts in certain shops, while the EPA was created for ‘social and information activities’; calls on the Secretary-General to make their financial accounts and activity reports available;**

Or. en

**Amendment 196**

**Marco Valli, Laura Agea, Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 94 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**94b. Deplores the fact that the cost of meetings and other activities of former Members (Article 440) and for meetings and other activities of the European Parliamentary Association (Article 442) amounted to EUR 420 000 in the financial year 2017, and emphasises that groups of this kind should be totally reliant on their own resources and no longer be financially dependent on Parliament's budget;**

Or. it